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# Obituary.

## LIFE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS DECEASED.

1877-8.

### DIRECTORS.

Barnaby, Rev. James, West Harwich, Mass.  
Binney, Rev. J. G., D.D., Rangoon, Burmah.  
Blain, Mrs. Amy Ann, Mansfield, Mass.  
Fish, Rev. Henry C., D.D., Newark, N. J.  
Keyser, Rev. Charles, D.D., Wakefield, Mass.  
Wager, James, Troy, N. Y.  
Whipple, John G., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Wilbur, Asa, Boston, Mass.  
Wilkins, Rev. Stephen, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Wyckoff, Wm. H., LL.D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

### MEMBERS.

Biddle, Rev. William, Brookfield, Conn.  
Brisbane, Rev. Wm. H., M.D., Arena, Wis.  
Cauldwell, Henry W., New York.  
Cresswell, Rev. Samuel J., Philadelphia, Pa.  
Failing, Josiah, Portland Oregon.  
Freeman, Rev. Timothy G., New York.  
Gardner, Sterling, Augusta, Ga.  
Gayer, Rev. Charles, New York.  
Hunt, Thomas, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
McCormick, Mrs. Sarah M., Jamaica, N. Y.  
Metcalf, Rev. Whitman, Nunda, N. Y.  
Moore, J. L., D.D., Silver Lake, Kansas.  
Murphy, William D., New York.  
Parmly, Mrs. Katharine D., Jersey City, N. J.  
Rouse, Rev. Henry H., Romayton, Conn.  
Runyon, Daniel, Piscataway, N. J.  
Spaulding, Rev. Amos F., Needham, Mass.  
Stout, Mrs. Jane, Middletown, N. J.  
Turnbull, Rev. Robert, D.D., Hartford, Conn.

## STATED MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, 1878-79.

*Second Thursday in each month at three o'clock P.M.*

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### BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD.

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1. All meetings shall be opened with prayer, after which the roll shall be called.
2. All Committees shall be nominated by the presiding officer, and approved by the Executive Board, unless otherwise specially ordered.
3. No moneys shall be paid out of the Treasury but by order of the Executive Board.
4. All resolutions, if required, shall be presented in writing.
5. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the Executive Board, the fact shall be entered on the minutes, and, at the next stated meeting, the Board shall proceed to fill such vacancy by ballot.
6. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman of the Board, or by a Corresponding Secretary of the Society, upon the written request of three or more members of the Board. But no business shall be transacted at such special meetings other than that specified in the call.
7. No By-Law of the Board shall be suspended for any temporary purpose, unless by a vote of two thirds of the members of the Board.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Prayer.
2. Calling of the Roll.
3. Reading of the Minutes of last Meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Communications from the Corresponding Secretary.
6. Reports from Standing Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

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## STANDING COMMITTEES.

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### FINANCE.

J. B. HOYT,  
JOHN H. DEANE,  
S. S. CONSTANT,  
WM. A. CAULDWELL,  
JOS. BROKAW.

### MISSIONS.

E. LATHROP,  
J. F. ELDER,  
E. T. HISCOX,  
D. B. JUTTEN,  
J. B. THOMAS.

### EDUCATION.

N. BISHOP,  
T. D. ANDERSON,  
A. MACFARLANE,  
JOHN H. DEANE,  
EMORY J. HAYNES.

### CHURCH EDIFICE.

W. H. PARMLY,  
WM. PHELPS,  
J. Q. PREBLE,  
L. G. JOHNSON,  
JOS. BROKAW.

### ADVISORY.

A. B. CAPWELL,  
J. B. HOYT,  
S. S. CUTTING,  
T. D. ANDERSON,  
N. BISHOP.

## Officers of the Society and Executive Board.

### OFFICERS.

President—HON. ROBERT O. FULLER, Mass.

Vice-Presidents—{ HON. WILLIAM STICKNEY, D. C.  
{ HON. J. M. HOYT, Ohio.

Treasurer—JOSEPH B. HOYT, Esq., Conn.

Auditors—{ WILLIAM PHELPS, Esq., N. Y.  
{ JOSEPH BROKAW, Esq., N. Y.

Corresponding Secretary—SEWALL S. CUTTING, D.D.

Recording Secretary—REV. D. B. JUTTEN, N. Y.

### MANAGERS.

#### FIRST CLASS, expiring in 1879.

REV. W. H. PARMLY, D.D., Jersey City, N.J.

REV. J. F. ELDER, D.D.....New York.

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ISAAC G. JOHNSON .....Yonkers, N. Y.

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REV. E. LATHROP, D.D..... Stamford, Conn.

NATHAN BISHOP, LL.D..... .... ..New York.

JOHN H. DEANE, Esq..... .... ..New York.

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#### Chairman of the Executive Board.

A. B. CAPWELL.

#### Recording Secretary of the Board.

FREDERICK R. HARTELL.

#### Assistant Treasurer.

JAMES M. WHITEHEAD.

#### Assistant Treasurer Church Edifice Fund.

J. GREENWOOD SNELLING.

Joseph B. Hoyt, Treasurer, in account with  
**Dr.**

1877.			
April 1.	To Balance—Church Edifice Fund .....		\$6,774 33
	" Cash received on account of Missions and Education, as per detailed state- ment.....	\$137,694 95	
	" Cash received on account of Church Edifice Fund, as per detailed state- ment.....	37,514 38	
	Total receipts .....		175,209 33
	" Balance—Missions and Education ....		45,433 18
			\$227,416 84

1878.			
April 1.	To Balance—Church Edifice Fund.....		\$12,844 20

#### CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

1877.			
April 1.	To Balance .....		\$6,774 33
	" Contributions since .....		4,646 50
	"       " Designated for Kent, Ohio .....		100 00
	" Legacies.....		100 00
	" Avails of Real Estate sold .....		200 00
	" Rent .....		987 30
	" Interest on Loans .....		10,266 65
	" Loans Repaid.....		21,213 93
			\$44,288 71

1878.			
April 1.	To Balance.....		\$12,844 20

## the American Baptist Home Mission Society.

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1878. March 31.	By Balance—Missions and Education..	\$10,452 76
"	Cash paid on account of Missions and Education, as per detailed statement.....	\$142,675 37
"	Cash paid on account of Ch. Edifice Fund, as per detailed statement..	31,444 51
	Total Expenditures .....	174,119 88
"	Balance—Church Edifice Fund.....	12,844 20
		\$227,416 84

1878. April 1.	By Balance—Missions and Education .....	\$45,433 18
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## CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

1878. March 30.	By Cash—Loans .....	\$23,487 15
" "	Paid Corresponding Secretary— Salary .....	\$600 00
" "	Expenses.....	51 98
" "	Paid Assistant Treasurers and Clerks at the Rooms.....	1,178 15
" "	Missionaries to insure care of Loans.....	3,240 97
" "	Incidental Expenses .....	449 92
" "	Postage.....	188 34
" "	Rent—Rooms .....	301 66
" "	Publication Account .....	68 33
" "	Interest on Bonds.....	899 00
" "	" to Illinois General Association...	467 87
" "	Expenses on Real Estate, including Taxes, etc.....	416 14
" "	Church at Kent, Ohio, designated .....	100 00
" "	Balance.....	12,844 20
		\$44,288 71

Dr.

## MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

1878. March 30.			
	To Contributions for the year, Missions.....	\$75,360 32	
	"      "      Freedmen.....	3,025 01	
			\$78,385 33
	" Legacies      "      Missions.....	\$16,908 90	
	"      "      Freedmen.....	1,000 00	
			17,908 90
	" Contributions specially designated—Missions.....	\$726 70	
	"      "      Freedmen .....	520 58	
			1,247 28
	" Income from sundry Invested Funds.....		3,976 50
	"      " sales of Real Estate.....		11,141 82
	" Cash received on account of Bond and Mortgage— For Reinvestment.....		
	" Loan repaid.....	1,116 08	
	" Cash received from Gilbough, Bond & Co.....	634 00	
	" Contributions for Wayland Seminary.....	50 00	
	" Cash from Students of Wayland Seminary.....	\$1,638 18	
	" 1,465 61		3,103 79
	" Contributions for Wayland Building.....		300 22
	" from Students for Endowment of Wayland Seminary.....		39 50
	" for Richmond Institute.....	\$2,785 66	
	" Cash from Students of Richmond Institute.....	1,700 87	
			4,486 53
	"      "      " for Endowment of Richmond Institute.....		322 67
	" Contributions for Benedict Institute.....	\$442 66	
	" Cash from Students of Benedict Institute.....	159 65	
			602 31
	" Contributions for Benedict Endowment.....		850 00
	" for Augusta Institute.....	\$647 12	
	" Cash from Students of Augusta Institute.....	57 50	
			704 62
	" Contributions for Shaw University.....	\$1,028 78	
	Legacy for Shaw University.....	125 00	
	" Cash from Students of Shaw University.....	2,434 00	
			3,587 78
	" Contributions for Shaw Endowment.....		56 00
	" for Nashville Institute.....	\$2,616 22	
	" Cash from Students of Nashville Institute.....	5,270 43	
			7,886 65
	" Contributions for Nashville Building.....	\$50 00	
	Cash returned—charged in last report.....	7 60	
			57 60
	" Contributions for Leland University.....		195 18
	" for Natchez Seminary.....	\$349 59	
	" Cash from Students of Natchez Seminary.....	392 60	
			742 19
	" Contributions for Natchez Building.....		300 00
	" Balance.....		45,433 18
			\$183,128 13

This certifies that we have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and have compared the entries with the vouchers connected therewith, and find the same correct, with the exception of the vouchers not returned from the bank, all of which are noted in our certificate in the Treasurer's books. We have also examined the securities of the Society connected with these accounts, and find them correct.

Signed, WM. PHELPS,  
JOSEPH BROKAW, Auditors.  
New York, May 3, 1878.

Note.—Of the above contributions, the sum of \$11,480.66 was received from Students in the Schools for expenses, and \$362.17 for endowments.

## MISSIONS AND EDUCATION.

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1877. April 1.				
	By Balance, as per last Report.			\$40,452 76
"	Cash paid Missionaries, since.			35,587 35
"	" Chinese mission in California.			1,000 00
"	" Corresponding Secretary—Salary.	\$2,400 00		
"	Traveling expenses.	207 90		
"	District Secretaries—Salaries.	\$9,308 37		2,607 90
"	" Expenses.	1,464 12		
"	Assistant Treasurers and Clerks at Rooms			10,772 49
"	Expense account—Incidental.	\$871 01		4,712 65
"	" Printing and Stationery	513 09		
"	" Postage	753 39		
"	" Publishing Account.	253 34		
"	" Rent of Rooms.	1,206 67		
"	Interest on Borrowed Money.			3,597 50
"	" Bonds, and Annuities.			3,425 04
"	Designated Funds—Missions.	\$901 14		4,881 71
"	" Freedmen.	445 58		
"	Investments, per request of donors.			1,846 72
"	Trust Funds awaiting Investment.			8,500 00
"	Expense attending care of Real Estate,			4,100 66
"	Taxes, etc.			
"	Missionary Union, sent to the Society by			634 67
"	mistake, and included in last year's			
"	receipts.			42 00
"	Transfer to Church Edifice Fund, this			
"	amount having been credited in error			500 00
"	to General Fund in former report.			
"	Wayland Seminary—Salaries.	\$8,250 02		
"	" Insurance.	27 20		
"	" Expenses paid by Students	1,465 61		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	1,100 37		
"	Wayland Building.			5,843 20
"	Richmond Institute—Salaries.	\$2,840 00		300 22
"	" Insurance.	32 72		
"	" Expenses paid by Students	1,700 87		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	2,950 94		
"	Benedict Institute—Salaries.	\$2,775 95		7,524 53
"	" Insurance.	220 00		
"	" Taxes.	88 88		
"	" Expenses paid by Students.	159 65		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	952 10		
"	Augusta Institute—Salaries.	\$1,925 00		4,196 58
"	" Insurance.	54 00		
"	" Expenses paid by Students.	57 50		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	1,236 92		
"	Shaw University—Salaries.	\$4,026 25		3,273 42
"	" Expenses paid by Students.	2,434 00		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	2,770 00		
"	Nashville Institute—Salaries.	\$3,773 80		9,230 25
"	" Insurance.	659 54		
"	" Expenses paid by Students.	5,270 43		
"	" Expenses paid by Society.	1,293 74		
"	Nashville Building—Expenses.	\$50 00		10,997 51
"	Furnishing Rooms.	448 50		
"	Leland University—Salaries.	\$3,125 00		498 50
"	Designated.	195 18		
"	Natchez Seminary—Salaries.	\$1,407 98		3,320 18
"	" Insurance.	439 95		
"	" Expenses paid by Students.	392 60		
"	" Expenses paid by Society, including furnishing of rooms	1,784 61		
"	Natchez Building.			4,025 14
				11,807 15
				\$183,128 13
1878. April 1.	By Balance.			\$45,433 18

## CHURCH EDIFICE LOANS

OUTSTANDING, WITH INTEREST DUE APRIL 1, 1878.

	Principal.	Interest.
<b>Alabama—</b>		
1870—Eufaula (bal.).....	\$899 00	.....
1872—Athens (bal.).....	241 68	.....
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	\$1,140 68	.....
<b>Arkansas—</b>		
1874—Batesville .....	\$1,000 00	\$20 00
1875—Helena .....	1,000 00	105 00
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	2,000 00	\$125 00
<b>California—</b>		
1871—San Diego (bal.) .....	\$1,800 00	.....
1874—Vallejo .....	1,000 00	\$210 00
1876—Visalia .....	2,000 00	174 25
1877—Salinas City .....	500 00	.....
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	5,300 00	384 25
<b>Colorado—</b>		
1869—Golden (bal.).....	\$538 56	\$9 57
1871—Greeley (bal.).....	618 00	.....
1873—Platte Valley .....	400 00	98 00
1873—Denver, 1st church .....	3,000 00	945 00
1873—Hard Scrabble (bal.) .....	240 00	8 75
1874—Colorado Springs (bal.) .....	375 00	.....
1874—Canon City .....	500 00	35 00
1875—La Veta .....	100 00	10 50
1875—Boulder .....	600 00	21 00
1876—Monument .....	200 00	6 50
1878—Denver, colored church.....	200 00	.....
1878—Saguache .....	250 00	.....
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	7,021 56	1,134 32
<b>Dakota—</b>		
1876—Vermillion .....	\$300 00	.....
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	300 00	.....
<b>Delaware—</b>		
1870—Wyoming Interest (bal.).....	\$1,095 00	\$8 10
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	1,095 00	8 10
<b>District of Columbia—</b>		
1875—Georgetown, Gay Street Church .....	\$750 00	.....
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	750 00	.....
<b>Florida—</b>		
1870—Palatka .....	\$500 00	.....
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	500 00	.....
<b>Georgia—</b>		
1871—Savannah, Bethlehem church, col'd.....	\$250 00	\$8 75
1872—Atlanta, Friendship St. church, col'd....	1,500 00	305 00
1875—Stone Mountain .....	400 00	.....
1875—Toccoa City .....	200 00	.....
1875—Crawford .....	200 00	.....
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	2,550 00	313 75
<b>Illinois—</b>		
1870—Effingham (bal.) .....	\$250 00	\$61 97
1871—Macomb (bal.) .....	550 00	19 79
1871—Watseka (bal.) .....	222 45	46 70
1871—Normal (bal.) .....	1,375 00	.....
1872—Chatham (bal.) .....	240 43	33 64
1872—Austin .....	1,000 00	107 53

	Principal	Interest
<b>ILLINOIS—Continued—</b>		
1873—Altona, Swede.....	\$90 20	\$31 59
1873—Quincy (bal.).....	1,000 00	.....
1873—Gardner (bal.).....	688 00	72 24
1873—East St. Louis, col'd (bal.).....	100 00	4 06
1873—Mt. Vernon.....	680 00	137 40
1865—Waverly (bal.).....	140 48	30 72
1865—St. Anne, French church (bal.).....	372 00	308 28
1866—Kankakee (bal.).....	216 27	60 19
1874—Irvington.....	400 00	28 00
1874—Farmington.....	800 00	28 00
1875—Danville.....	1,300 00	.....
1875—Aledo.....	1,000 00	.....
1876—Streator.....	1,500 00	52 50
1876—Tuscola.....	700 00	63 50
1876—Paxton.....	700 00	73 50
1876—McLeansboro'.....	500 00	.....
1877—Stewardson.....	400 00	.....
1877—Pekin.....	600 00	21 00
1877—Galesburg, col'd church.....	1,200 00	.....
	<b>\$16,024 83</b>	<b>\$1,180 60</b>
<b>Idaho—</b>		
1869—Boise City (bal.).....	\$428 16	\$134 82
	<b>428 16</b>	<b>134 82</b>
<b>Indiana—</b>		
1868—Richmond (bal.).....	\$1,106 20	.....
	<b>1,106 20</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Iowa—</b>		
1865—Lewis.....	\$500 00	\$120 00
1865—Ft. Madison (bal.).....	960 73	208 45
1866—Keokuk.....	3,000 00	602 50
1868—Iowa Falls.....	1,000 00	70 00
1868—Cedar Rapids.....	2,500 00	175 00
1869—Council Bluffs.....	2,000 00	262 00
1869—Clinton.....	2,000 00	909 20
1870—Osceola (bal.).....	409 30	28 68
1870—Lime Spring.....	300 00	73 50
1871—Washington (bal.).....	100 00	.....
1872—Bedford.....	600 00	.....
1872—Cherokee.....	500 00	53 75
1873—Doud's Station.....	500 00	105 00
1873—Spirit Lake.....	500 00	35 00
1873—Manchester.....	1,000 00	100 00
1873—Storm Lake.....	500 00	.....
1875—Carbon.....	200 00	42 00
1875—West Union.....	600 00	.....
1875—Denison (bal.).....	79 29	3 72
1876—Independence.....	600 00	21 00
1877—Guthrie Centre.....	500 00	.....
1878—Kent.....	300 00	.....
1878—Grundy Centre.....	500 00	.....
1878—Stuart.....	200 00	.....
	<b>19,349 33</b>	<b>3,109 80</b>
<b>Indian Territory—</b>		
1876—McAlister.....	\$400 00	.....
1876—Atoka (bal.).....	175 00	.....
	<b>575 00</b>	<b>.....</b>
<b>Kansas—</b>		
1865—Leavenworth.....	\$8,000 00	\$5,911 72
1869—Saline (bal.).....	250 00	61 25
1869—Solomon.....	500 00	177 50
1869—Topeka.....	1,500 00	.....
1870—Ft. Scott .....	2,500 00	935 24
1870—Le Roy.....	500 00	177 20
1870—Clay Centre (bal.).....	92 23	.....
1871—Hiawatha.....	800 00	56 00
1871—Iola .....	2,600 00	905 00
1871—Clyde (bal.).....	490 00	.....
1872—Wathena.....	800 00	222 52
1872—Emporia (bal.).....	63 11	.....
1872—Independence (bal.).....	226 10	.....
1873—Humboldt.....	1,000 00	264 35
1873—Chanute (bal.).....	300 00	.....
1873—Oswego (bal.).....	450 00	.....

	Principal.	Interest.
<b>Kansas—Continued—</b>		
1872—Baxter Springs .....	\$1,000 00	\$350 00
1872—Fontana .....	500 00	30 00
1872—Wamego .....	300 00	10 50
1873—Wichita .....	1,000 00	65 00
1873—Olathe .....	500 00	19 29
1873—Erie .....	300 00	10 50
1874—Girard .....	250 00	8 75
1874—Blue Rapids .....	400 00	28 00
1874—Burlington .....	500 00	52 50
1874—Neodesha .....	200 00	7 00
1875—Wyandotte .....	300 00	.....
1871—Chetopa .....	927 00	421 79
1877—Waterville .....	250 00	8 75
1877—Augusta .....	200 00	.....
	<b>\$26,698 44</b>	<b>\$9,742 86</b>
<b>Louisiana—</b>		
*1873—Delhi (bal.) .....	\$374 10	374 10
		.....
<b>Massachusetts—</b>		
1876—Franklin .....	\$3,500 00	\$490 00
	3,500 00	490 00
<b>Michigan—</b>		
1872—Reed City .....	\$300 00	\$33 00
1872—Imlay City .....	500 00	17 50
1873—Alma .....	500 00	157 50
1873—Traverse City .....	500 00	35 00
1874—Spring Lake (bal.) .....	100 00	.....
1877—Caro .....	500 00	17 50
	2,400 00	260 50
<b>Minnesota—</b>		
1868—Northfield (bal.) .....	\$97 23	\$3 41
†1868—Freeborn .....	300 00	.....
1873—Winnebago City .....	300 00	74 50
1870—Rochester .....	2,000 00	.....
1871—St. James .....	225 00	7 88
1872—Etna .....	300 00	8 80
1872—Brainard .....	200 00	87 50
1872—Detroit .....	500 00	140 00
1873—Duluth .....	600 00	105 00
1873—Anoka .....	1,400 00	49 00
1873—Osakis .....	200 00	56 00
1873—Waseka .....	300 00	.....
1874—Long Prairie .....	500 00	105 00
1874—Albert Lea, English church .....	500 00	.....
1877—Albert Lea, Danish church .....	500 00	.....
1877—Fergus Falls .....	200 00	.....
1878—Lu Verne .....	500 00	.....
	<b>8,622 23</b>	<b>637 09</b>
<b>Mississippi—</b>		
1874—Forest (bal.) .....	\$175 00	175 00
		.....
<b>Missouri—</b>		
1866—Sedalia (bal.) .....	\$711 73	\$76 00
1866—Forest City .....	1,500 00	912 87
1869—Lebanon (bal.) .....	804 00	.....
1870—Pleasant Hill .....	1,500 00	735 00
1870—Jefferson City .....	1,000 00	85 00
1871—Butler (bal.) .....	854 35	.....
1871—Marionville .....	400 00	99 00
1871—Nevada .....	500 00	192 50
1872—Maryville .....	1,000 00	35 00
1872—Mexico, col'd church .....	950 04	11 08
1873—Fredericktown .....	500 00	17 50
1873—Carthage .....	800 00	168 00
1869—Kansas City, 1st church .....	2,062 44	72 18
1873—Kansas City, 2d col'd church .....	800 00	.....
1874—Moberly .....	2,500 00	262 50
1874—Gallatin .....	400 00	.....
1875—Knob Noster .....	500 00	35 00
1875—Macon City, 2d col'd church .....	500 00	.....
	<b>17,292 56</b>	<b>2,651 63</b>

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**Nebraska—**

	Principal.	Interest.
1870—Grand Island.....	\$763 25	\$56 84
1870—Lincoln (bal.).....	1,000 00	.....
1870—Omaha (bal.).....	6,546 20	.....
1871—Fremont (bal.).....	333 33	.....
1871—Ashland (bal.).....	250 00	.....
1871—Salem (bal.).....	279 06	.....
1871—Schuyler (bal.).....	624 84	32 84
1871—Brownsville.....	500 00	210 00
1872—Central City.....	500 00	60 00
1872—Blair (bal.).....	297 45	20 82
1872—Seward (bal.).....	450 50	.....
1872—Fairbury (bal.).....	300 00	.....
1872—Rulo.....	500 00	.....
1872—Eight Mile Grove (bal.).....	400 00	21 00
1873—Fall City (bal.).....	500 00	65 65
1874—Beatrice.....	400 00	20 00
1875—Pawnee City.....	500 00	.....
1876—Kearney.....	500 00	17 50
1876—Sterling.....	500 00	17 00
1876—Aurora.....	500 00	.....
	<u>\$15,644 63</u>	<u>\$321 65</u>

**New York—**

1867—Geneva (bal.).....	\$697 86	.....
1876—Dansville.....	400 00	.....
	<u>1,097 86</u>	.....

**Nevada—**

1874—Virginia City.....	\$1,087 15	.....
1876—Reno.....	500 00	.....
	<u>1,587 15</u>	.....

**North Carolina—**

1870—Wilmington (bal.).....	\$1,175 00	.....
1878—Charlotte, col'd church.....	400 00	.....
	<u>1,575 00</u>	.....

**Ohio—**

1872—Eaton .....	\$500 00	\$17 50
1872—Toledo (bal.).....	390 00	13 65
1873—Washingtonville .....	200 00	35 00
1873—Alliance.....	500 00	52 50
1874—Cambridge .....	1,000 00	210 00
1875—Galion (bal.).....	294 00	.....
1876—Mercer .....	500 00	18 00
	<u>3,384 00</u>	<u>346 65</u>

**Pennsylvania—**

1866—Birmingham .....	\$800 00	\$55 00
1874—Philipsburg .....	.....	97 23
	<u>800 00</u>	<u>152 23</u>

**South Carolina—**

1867—Yorkville .....	\$500 00	\$248 34
1877—Darlington, col'd church .....	600 00	.....
	<u>1,100 00</u>	<u>248 34</u>

**Tennessee—**

1871—Nashville, Central church (bal.).....	\$5,700 00	\$86 41
1873—Bristol (bal.).....	276 99	.....
1874—Nashville, 1st col'd church.....	1,000 00	85 00
1876—Memphis, Central church.....	3,000 00	.....
	<u>9,976 99</u>	<u>171 41</u>

**Texas—**

1873—Sherman .....	\$750 00	\$26 25
1878—Hearne.....	400 00	.....
	<u>1,150 00</u>	<u>26 25</u>

**Virginia—**

1868—Petersburg, 1st col'd church (bal.).....	\$1,950 00	.....
1871—Harrisonburg (bal.).....	1,130 00	\$75 70
1873—Fincastle, col'd church (bal.).....	350 00	.....
1873—Salem (bal.) .....	700 00	.....
1875—Buchanan .....	1,000 00	.....
1877—Jacksonville .....	500 00	.....
1877—Alexandria, col'd church .....	400 00	.....
	<u>6,030 00</u>	<u>75 70</u>

	Principal.	Interest.
<b>West Virginia—</b>		
1872—Charleston, white church.....	\$1,000 00	\$141 67
1867—Wheeling (bal.).....	8,149 22	149 46
1878—Charleston, col'd church (bal.).....	385 62	.....
	<u>\$4,534 84</u>	<u>\$291 13</u>
<b>Wisconsin—</b>		
1854—Sheboygan (bal.).....	\$118 31	.....
1863—Mauston .....	150 00	\$36 25
1867—La Crosse (bal.).....	2,805 66	308 98
1868—Richland Centre (bal.).....	492 50	294 84
1871—Boscobel.....	500 00	227 50
1872—Reedsburg .....	400 00	28 00
1872—Kilbourne City.....	800 00	166 00
1874—Edgerton.....	400 00	.....
1874—Ahnapee .....	500 00	17 50
1874—Ft. Howard.....	1,200 00	.....
1875—Tomah .....	400 00	13 50
	<u>7,766 47</u>	<u>1,092 57</u>
<b>220 churches—Total.....</b>	<b>\$171,840 02</b>	<b>\$23,098 65</b>

### INVESTMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

	Principal.	Interest.
<b>New York—</b>		
White Plains—(Bal.).....	\$11,099 00	
Brooklyn—House and lot.....	5,000 00	
Sennetti—Notes secured by mortgage.....	700 00	
<b>Kansas—</b>		
Topeka—Notes secured by mortgage.....	5,600 00	\$1,592 80
<b>Nebraska—</b>		
Omaha Church "special account" .....	8,336 79	
North Platte—Notes secured by mortgage.....	325 00	
Ashland—Notes secured by mortgage.....	800 00	8 13
<b>Missouri—</b>		
Kansas City—Notes secured by mortgage.....	600 00	
<b>Michigan—</b>		
East Saginaw—Note secured by mortgage.....	100 00	
<b>Tennessee—</b>		
Nashville—Church property.....	4,725 00	801 98
" Two houses and lots .....	2,000 00	
<b>General Fund—Borrowed money.....</b>	<b>21,500 00</b>	
	<u>\$60,785 79</u>	<u>\$2,402 91</u>

### RECAPITULATION.

Loans to churches .....	\$171,840 02
" " General Fund.....	21,500 00
Investments.....	39,285 79
Interest due from churches .....	23,098 65
Interest due from investments.....	2,402 91
Real estate, estimated.....	2,000 00
Cash on hand.....	12,844 20
<b>Total fund.....</b>	<b>\$272,971 57</b>

## PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY.

### 1. Real Estate.

Under this head we present two classes of property—

*First.*—Such as are in use for Freedmen work:

Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Benedict Institute, Columbia, S. C.

Augusta Institute, Augusta, Ga.

Nashville Institute, Nashville, Tenn.

Natchez Institute, Natchez, Miss.

Leland University, at New Orleans; Shaw University, at Raleigh, N. C., and Richmond Institute, at Richmond, Va., are each incorporated, and their property is managed by a Board of Trustees. We are still, however, co-operating with them in paying the salaries of teachers and other current expenses.

*Second.*—Such lands as the Society has received by donations and otherwise.

Three pieces of property in Nashville, Tenn.

120 acres in Monroe county, Wisconsin.

360 " Marathon county, Wisconsin.

5 " St. Helena, South Carolina.

Land in Colorado (Potter devise).

" Wakefield, Massachusetts.

" Sault St. Marie, Michigan.

" Marshall county, Kansas.

" Chautauqua county, New York.

A house and lot, Winona, Minnesota.

Your Board intend to sell these lands as soon as purchasers can be found to buy them at reasonable prices.

### 2. Permanent Trust Funds.

By these we mean donations to the Society, which are to be invested and kept invested in first-class securities, and the interest alone applied annually to the purposes of the Society:

G. N. Bleecker .....	\$6,000 00	End. General.....	\$1,035 27
Martha Whiting .....	1,000 00	" Benedict Institute...	16,272 22
Horace Kendall.....	1,000 00	" Shaw University....	66 00
Miss Mary A. M. Swain....	9,400 00	" Wayland Seminary..	39 50
Theron Fisk .....	2,500 00	Mrs. Emily S. Colby.....	700 00
Mrs. Susan Tripp.....	500 00	George J. Sherman.....	1,000 00
Henry Darling.....	1,000 00	Rev. S. S. Bradford.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Eliza Roberts .....	3,000 00	Mrs. H. E. Axtell.....	311 11
Wm. Ham .....	100 00	Lyman Eldridge.....	75 00
Levi Selleck.....	1,000 00		
Nancy Pease.....	1,000 00		
End. Richmond Institute..	2,626 24		\$49,625 34

*3. Conditional Trust Funds.*

By these we mean donations given to the Society on conditions named by the donors:

- (1.) That the donors themselves have the right to draw the interest semi-annually during their natural life.
- (2.) Interest payable to parties designated by the donors.
- (3.) Donations, the interest of which is to be added to the principal until such time as the donors shall direct said sums to be spent for the purposes of the Society.

Charles H. Nicholls .....	\$400 00	C. Pond.....	\$1,000 00
† ——————	9,000 00	S. Wicks.....	1,000 00
* Eliza Skaats.....	1,500 00	† ——————	6,512 37
Benjamin Cressy.....	1,000 00	Mrs. Perses Andrews.....	500 00
James B. Simmons.....	1,680 35	Rev. C. H. Corey.....	500 00
Augusta Building.....	1,144 61	Mrs. B. M. Davis.....	500 00
Ebenezer Morgan.....	500 00	† ——————	2,860 00
Mrs. Almira Norton.....	1,000 00	Mrs. B. A. Benedict.....	10,000 00
Mrs. S. B. Page.....	1,000 00	Belinda Sanford.....	500 00
M. E. Gray.....	7,000 00	† ——————	20,000 00
Harriet F. Darrow.....	55 50	Miss R. M. Mathias.....	400 00
† ——————	2,000 00	Mrs. Lucy T. Woolsey.....	400 00
Mrs. Mary E. Parmly.....	200 00	Miss Emily Peaslee.....	900 00
Mrs. Mary B. Herrick.....	300 00	Mrs. Sarah A. Willard.....	500 00
Mrs. L. W. Lewis.....	500 00	Rev. J. N. Webb.....	3,000 00
Mrs. Olive S. Brown.....	500 00	† ——————	1,000 00
Mrs. Martha Wilson.....	500 00	† ——————	500 00
Wm. Masters.....	3,500 00	† ——————	750 00
† ——————	900 00	Mrs. Olive E. Merrick.....	631 35
H. Hansen.....	500 00	John Thomson.....	350 10
Rev. E. Savage.....	2,000 00	Miss Ruby Wetherbee.....	1,000 00
Miss Emily Sanford.....	1,000 00	Rev. Israel Harris.....	450 00
Total.....			\$89,434 28

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\* Two-thirds of this amount is held in trust, to be equally divided between the Am. Bap. Miss'y Union and the Am. and For. Bible Society.

† Donors who do not wish their names made public.

## FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# American Baptist Home Mission Society.

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CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 29, 1878.

The Forty-sixth Annual Meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was held in the meeting-house of the First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, May 29, 1878, commencing at 9:45 A.M., the President, Hon. Robert O. Fuller, of Massachusetts, presiding.

The hymn "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" was sung, the Scriptures were read by Rev. T. J. Keith, of Iowa, and prayer was offered by Rev. W. W. Boyd, of Missouri.

After an address by the President, the Society proceeded to business, when, on motion, it was voted that the usual committees be appointed at this time by the President, and that all committees be appointed by the Chair, unless otherwise ordered.

The following Committees were then appointed :

*On Arrangements*—G. W. Gardner, D.D., A. P. Mason, D.D., Rev. J. H. Scott, Rev. H. C. Wood, Colgate Hoyt.

*On Nominations*—Hon. J. Warren Merrill, E. G. Robinson, D.D., Wayland Hoyt, D.D., Lemuel Moss, D.D., Galusha Anderson, D.D., Hon. Samuel A. Crozer, J. B. Thresher.

*On Indian Missions*—M. B. Anderson, LL.D., J. N. Murdock, D.D., J. N. Webb, D.D., Rev. George T. Dowling, Hon. J. M. S. Williams.

*On Work among the Freedmen*—H. L. Wayland, D.D., Rev. H. F. Colby, Rev. J. J. Miller, Rev. J. H. Scott, Smith Sheldon.

*On Chinese Missions*—H. A. Sawtelle, D.D., E. B. Andrews, D.D., W. H. Eaton, D.D., Rev. E. Thesher, Rev. T. J. Keith.

*On Obituaries*—Warren Randolph, D.D., George D. Boardman, D.D., W. W. Everts, D.D., S. W. Duncan, D.D., G. W. Lasher, D.D.

*On Enrollment*—G. J. Johnson, D.D., D. H. Cooley, D.D., Rev. C. V. Morris, Rev. W. N. Clarke, Rev. Norman Mallory.

The Annual Report of the Executive Board was presented by Dr. Cutting, the Corresponding Secretary. After the reading of the Report, Dr. Lorimer, of Massachusetts, moved that the sections of the Report on Finance and Woman's Work in Home Missions be each referred to a special committee. After discussion by Dr. Wayland, of Pennsylvania, Dr. Bishop, of New York, Dr. Corey, of New York, Dr. Fulton, of New York, Dr. Evarts, of Illinois, Dr. Cutting, of New York, Dr. Moss, of Indiana, Dr. Cheney, of Illinois, and Hon. J. M. S. Williams, of Massachusetts, the motion was carried.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, through Dr. Gardner, as follows:

That the morning session be given to miscellaneous business, and that we adjourn at 12:30; that we meet at 2:30 P.M., and listen to addresses by Rev. Dr. Sawtelle, of Massachusetts, and Rev. L. B. Tefft, of Tennessee; that the Committee on Nominations report with a printed ballot at 4 P.M., and that the election of officers take place at that hour; that we reconvene at 7:30 P.M., and that the evening be given to addresses by Rev. Dr. Anderson, of Illinois, Rev. H. C. Woods, of Minnesota, and Rev. Dr. Ellis, of Colorado.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's report was read by the Assistant Treasurer, and, on motion, that portion of the report relating to the Church Edifice Fund was referred to a special committee.

Dr. Fulton presented the following resolution :

"In behalf of the corporators of the 'National Theological Institute,' met in Washington on May 13, 1878, I desire," said Dr. Fulton, "to offer the following resolution :

"Resolved, That the American Baptist Home Mission Society instructs its Committee on Nominations to bring in a name for a Secretary of the southern department of its work, in accordance with a promise made to us in 1869, and ratified by this Society in the year 1870."

After remarks by Dr. Fulton, Dr. Young, of Pennsylvania, Dr. Corey, of New York, Dr. Lorimer, of Massachusetts, Rev. R. L. Perry, of New York, and Rev. W. W. Boyd, of Missouri, on motion of Dr. C. B. Blackall, of Illinois, the whole matter was referred to a special committee, to be appointed by the chair.

The following special committees were then appointed by the chairman :

*On Woman's Work in Home Missions*—E. Lathrop, D.D., D. B. Cheney, D.D., C. B. Crane, D.D., J. B. Thomas, D.D., Nathan Bishop, LL.D.

*On Finance*—Hon. C. Van Husen, S. T. Hillman, Hon. J. M. Hoyt, J. D. Rockefeller, W. W. Evarts, D.D.

*On Church Edifice Fund*—Hon. J. M. S. Williams, J. B. Thresher, W. N. Sage, J. N. Webb, D.D., Rev. H. C. Woods.

*On Special Secretary for Southern Department*—J. D. Fulton, D.D., A. P. Mason, D.D., D. G. Corey, D.D., J. B. Thomas, D.D., E. Lathrop, D.D.

Dr. Lathrop, of Connecticut, presented the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas*, The Southern Baptist General Convention did, at its late meeting in Nashville, express warm and intelligent sympathy in the work of promoting the spiritual and intellectual advancement of the colored population of the South, and did particularly recommend what are called Ministers' Institutes as means adapted to this end, and did advise all the Baptist pastors and ministers of the South to take special interest in such institutes, that they might be productive of the largest good,

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Home Mission Society be, and hereby are, requested and instructed efficiently and heartily to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in securing the holding of such institutes, at such times and places throughout the Southern States as may promise the widest permanent good to the ministry of the colored race, and to the extent that the resources of the Society from time to time may justify.

On motion, this resolution was referred to the Special Committee on Secretary for Southern Department.

It was voted that the Committee on Indian Missions be requested to report at 2:30 P.M., and also that the Committee on Special Secretary for Southern Department report at 3:30 P.M.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Lorimer, of Massachusetts, and the Society adjourned.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Society convened according to adjournment at 2:30 P.M.

The Hymn "Jesus shall Reign where'er the Sun," was sung, and prayer was offered by Dr. Crane, of Massachusetts.

The Committee on Arrangements reported, through Dr. Gardner, as follows:

That we now hear the Report of the Committee on Indian Missions. That at 3 P.M. the Delegates from the Southern Baptist Convention be presented to the Society. That the Committee on Special Secretary for Southern Department of Our Work, report at 3:30 P.M. That at 4:30 P.M. we proceed to the election of Officers of the Society. That the Committee on Chinese Missions report at 4:45 P.M., to be followed by an address by Dr. Sawtelle, of Massachusetts. That at 5:15 P.M. we listen to an address by Rev. L. B. Tefft, of Tennessee, and that we adjourn at 5:30 P.M. That we meet at 7:30 P.M., and that the Special Committees on Finance, Church Edifice Fund, and Woman's Work in Home Missions report at that hour. That at 8 P.M. we listen to an address by Dr. Anderson, of Illinois, to be followed by addresses by Rev. H. C. Woods, of Minnesota, and Dr. Ellis, of Colorado. The Committee recommend that the invited speakers confine themselves to twenty minutes each, and that all speakers from the floor, on reports and motions, be confined to five minutes each.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Indian Missions reported, through Dr. Webb, in a resolution which was presented to the Society. A discussion on the resolution followed, in which Hon. J. M. S. Williams, of Massachusetts, Dr. Cutting, of New York, Dr. Moss, of Indiana, and Dr. Bishop, of New York, took part, and on motion the report was laid on the table.

The following communication from the Southern Baptist Convention was read :

TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY :

*Dear Brethren*—We have been glad to welcome to our body Rev. S. S. Cutting, D. D., and Rev. G. W. Lasher, D. D., as Representatives from your Society, who have borne to us your fraternal greeting, and informed us of the progress of the great work prosecuted by you. We assure you that we cordially appreciate your expression of fraternal feelings and rejoice with you in the success with which God has blessed our common labors in the vineyard of the Master.

The Convention adopted the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the President be authorized to appoint seven brethren to attend the meeting of the American Baptist Home Mission Society at Cleveland.

In accordance with this resolution, the following brethren were appointed to bear you our fraternal greeting, viz.: W. T. Brantly, D.D., John A. Broadus, D.D., Rev. C. E. W. Dobbs, T. G. Keen, D.D., and A. E. Dickinson, D.D.

Signed in behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session at Nashville, Tennessee, this May 13th, 1878.

JAMES P. BOYCE, *President.*

C. E. W. DOBBS, }  
W.M. E. TANNER, } *Secretaries.*

The delegates from the Southern Baptist Convention were then welcomed by the President and introduced to the Society, and appropriate responses were made by Dr. Brantly and Dr. Broadus; after which the hymn "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung.

The Special Committee on a Secretary for the Southern Department of our Work reported, through Dr. Fulton, as follows :

*Resolved*, That we recommend that a General Superintendent of our Missions to Freedmen be forthwith appointed by the Board;

*Resolved*, That the Committee recommend that the Board be instructed to carry out the resolution offered by Dr. Lathrop, in respect to cordial co-operation with our Southern brethren in promoting Ministers' Institutes in the Southern States.

On motion the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Indian Missions was then taken from the table and recommitted to the Committee for modification, and Dr. Crane, of Mass., was added to the Committee.

On motion, the order of business was changed, and the following report of the Committee on Chinese Missions was then presented by Dr. Sawtelle :

The Committee to whom was referred the portion of the Annual Report relating to our immigrant heathen population beg leave to report :

We record our gratitude for what the Home Mission Society has done, and felt disposed to do, for the Chinese of our Pacific coast. We are glad to know, from the Secretary's statement to-day and otherwise, that the Board of Managers earnestly desires at once to enlarge and improve its central work in San Francisco. It is, we believe, the purpose of the Board to appoint at an early day a permanent Superintendent who has a large knowledge of the Chinese language, and has had long experience with this people on the foreign field. The necessity of this procedure, in order to secure the clearest proclamation of the Gospel to the people we would evangelize, and in order to thorough dealing with their peculiarities, is apparent. We trust, also, that our Board sees the importance of renting, and in due time owning, a central property, to

adequately accommodate Chinese congregations and schools, and to be the home of a great work.

It is our conviction that our Society should carry on this work by itself, with a total responsibility for its financial maintenance and the way of working, at the same time asking, and no doubt receiving, from our Pacific coast churches that general co-operation and that helpful contribution, according to their circumstances and ability, which the Churches are giving on this side of the mountains. Those Churches on our western coast will have the largest interest in the Home Mission Society, and enter most efficiently into all its work, if they bear the same relation to the Chinese Mission as is borne by our other Churches through the land; and our Churches in this part of the land will feel the greater responsibility of the Mission if our Society takes it fully in its hands. The California Churches will help by helping the Society, and by furnishing to some extent the teaching force in the schools.

After an address by Dr. Sawtelle, and remarks by Dr. Cutting, and Rev. Mr. Coon, of Illinois, the report was adopted

The Committee on Work among the Freedmen, through Dr. Wayland, presented the following report:

The Report of the Board speaks in just and clear terms of the magnitude, the importance, and the needs of this work. All the schools need strengthening; the teachers need relief from their pressing burdens, and new schools should be planted in Texas, Alabama, Kentucky, and other States. The demand grows more and more urgent as it is understood; the freed people are liable to be the victims of popery, of vicious indulgences, and of all the ills begotten of ignorance and passion. On the other hand, the results already attained call for gratitude, and arouse our hopeful faith in the blessing of God on judicious and self-denying labor. No more pressing demand can possibly be made on the churches of America to-day. Your Committee would recommend that the Board should carefully consider the expediency of appointing a General Missionary for the South, whose work would be to visit the schools, to counsel with the teachers, to meet with the colored people in their conventions and associations, to inaugurate institutes, to seek out new openings for labor, to enlist the co-operation of our white brethren at the South, and in general to impart economy, efficiency, and unity to the work of the Society in the Southern States.

The report was adopted.

Hon. J. Warren Merrill presented the Report of the Committee on Nominations. The hour appointed for the election of officers having arrived, the Chairman appointed the following persons to act as tellers for the collection and counting of votes: S. T. Hillman, of New York, F. R. Hartell, of New York, and Rev. C. Monjeau, of Kansas.

The ballot, as announced by the tellers, resulted in the election of the following officers and managers for the ensuing year:

*President*—Hon. Robert O. Fuller, Mass.

*Vice-Presidents*—Hon. William Stickney, D. C.; Hon. J. M. Hoyt, Ohio.

*Treasurer*—Joseph B. Hoyt, Esq., Conn.

*Auditors*—William Phelps, Esq., N. Y.; Joseph Brokaw, Esq., N. Y.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Sewall S. Cutting, D.D., N. Y.

*Recording Secretary*—Rev. D. B. Jutten, N. Y.

*Managers* (third class, expiring in 1881)—William A. Cauldwell, Esq., N. Y.; Rev. E. T. Hiscox, D.D., N. Y.; Rev. Edward Lathrop, D.D., Conn.; Hon. Nathan Bishop, N. Y.; John H. Deane, Esq., N. Y.

The Committee on Enrollment reported, through Dr. Johnson, as follows: There are present representatives of the Society from 30 States and Territories; 30 Life Directors; 178 Life Members; and 223 Annual Delegates. Total, 431.

The Report was adopted.

Rev. L. B. Tefft addressed the Society on "The Education of the Freedmen."

Dr. Randolph, of Indiana, presented the following report of the Committee on Obituaries:

Year by year the American Baptist Home Mission Society is acquiring new and valuable friends, while others, tried and true, are finishing their course and entering into rest. The record of the past year in this respect is like that of the years which have preceded it. Not a few among the most devoted of our number have within the year passed away from our Society on earth to that of the redeemed in heaven.

We record especially our gratitude to God for the life and labors of the Rev. Henry C. Fish, D. D., of New Jersey. An earnest pastor and a most efficient member of our Board, he has finished his career while yet in the prime of his manhood. The record of his life and labors is a legacy and inspiration to this Society, to the ministry, and to our churches. Others, long associated with us, have ceased from earth, and the Board has placed their names among our honored dead. Some of them have gained a place in our annals by their missionary work, and others by their munificence. We thank God for their lives, and should seek to emulate their examples.

On motion the Report was adopted.

The Committee on Indian Missions presented, through Dr. Webb, the following amended report:

*Resolved*, That as one of the religious societies which has been invited by the Government to aid in the work of Indian civilization, this Society solemnly

and earnestly remonstrates against the passage of the amendment to the Army bill, which orders the transfer of the Indian Bureau from the Department of the Interior to the War Department, except guarantees be given that it is not proposed to withdraw from the Indians the sheltering and humanizing influences of the benevolent and religious associations of the country, under which, during the past eight years they have made unprecedented advances in civilization.

On motion the report was adopted.

Dr. Anderson, of Illinois, offered the following preamble and resolution :

*Whereas*, There are five millions of Germans in the United States, and whereas the motto of this Society is, "North America for Christ," and that this motto will never be realized so long as this strong and numerous and thrifty portion of our adopted citizens are unconverted and unsaved, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend the Board of the Home Mission Society to multiply, so far as it is possible, their efforts to preach the Gospel to our German fellow citizens.

After remarks by Rev. J. C. Hasselhuhn, of Illinois, the resolution was adopted.

The Society adjourned after prayer by Dr. Galusha Anderson.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

The Society met according to adjournment at 7:30 P.M. After singing, prayer was offered by Rev. C. Monjeau, of Kansas.

The Special Committee on Woman's Work in Home Missions, through Dr. Cheney, presented the following report :

*Whereas*, The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society have undertaken a work but little prosecuted by this Society, viz.: a work by women in homes for the elevation and christianization of the families of the more degraded population of our country, and

*Whereas*, They declare that they have entered upon this work with the intention only of becoming a strong ally to this Society in its grand work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we welcome the Women's Society as an associate agency in the enterprise of home evangelization;

*Resolved*, That, to prevent any misunderstanding or complications, we recommend that mutual consultations, as proposed by the Board of the Women's Society, be had between them and the Board of this Society, upon all matters in respect to which the two Boards may have a common interest;

*Resolved*, That we further recommend the Women's Society to report to our Board the names of all their missionaries, their fields of labor, the work per-

formed, and, as far as possible, the results achieved; also their receipts and expenditures; and that the same be incorporated in the Annual Report of our Board, as the work of a co-ordinate organization;

*Resolved*, That we express our cordial sympathy and fellowship with the Boston and Michigan associations, and all other associations of women laboring in more or less close relations with this Society in the prosecution of its work.

After discussion on the report by Dr. Mason, of Massachusetts, Dr. Cutting, of New York, and Dr. Cheney, of Illinois, the report was adopted.

The Special Committee on Finance reported, through Hon. J. M. Hoyt, as follows :

The Finance Committee respectfully report that the debt of the Society, as reported at the last Anniversary, was \$40,452.76. The debt now existing, as appears from the Treasurer's report, is \$45,433.18—an increase during the year of \$4,980.42. This entire indebtedness, as your Committee are informed, has grown out of disbursements by the Society in payment for freedmen's schools in Nashville and Natchez. Notwithstanding the great financial stringency and business prostration, which has largely diminished the receipts of the Society from contributions by the Churches, the sum of \$11,807.15 was, during the present year, spent upon the Seminary building in Natchez. All the school property belonging to the Society is now wholly paid for and free from all incumbrance; no further outlay will be needed for them beyond the current cost of their maintenance.

Your Committee are informed that the sum of \$25,000 may confidently be expected to be realized from legacies and paid into the general fund during the coming year. This receipt—in case the usual resources of the Society are not abridged and the expenditures are not augmented—will leave, at the close of the year ensuing, a balance of debt of \$20,000. The question remains, How shall this debt be paid? Your Committee concur in the opinion that an effort to cancel this debt through pledges given at an anniversary, in response to special appeals, will be prejudicial to the true welfare of the Society. They believe that even a successful attempt to discharge the debt through paroxysmal effort at an Anniversary will tend to chronic discouragement, and will put in hazard the regular and steady support of the Churches, upon which the Society must depend for its effective life; and will also tend to hurtful irregularity in incurring indebtedness. The Committee, in view of the present condition of the Society, recommend that special care be exercised in wisely limiting expenditures, so far as may be compatible with the imperative needs of the Society in prosecuting its great work.

The Committee further recommend that appeals be made to the churches during the current year through pastors and the agents of the Society to provide for the early extinguishment of this debt in addition to the needs for current work. The relief from the legacies to the Society—the fruit under Divine Providence of Christian fidelity and beneficence—is so timely and signal that it most happily illustrates the value of the consecration of property to the Lord, which ought even more widely to be operative in the hearts of believers.

The report was adopted.

Dr. Anderson, of Illinois, addressed the Society on "Woman's Work in Home Missions," Rev. H. C. Woods, of Minnesota, on

the "Importance of Increased Missionary Work in the Northwest," and Dr. Ellis, of Colorado, on "Mission Work in Colorado."

The Special Committee on Church Edifice Fund, through W. N. Sage, presented the following report :

Your Committee would recommend the approval of the action of the Board in the disposition of this fund for the past year. Your Committee would also advise, that, from certain errors in judgment in loans formerly made, as well as from the changed conditions of the churches to whom such loans were made, that the best compromise for past accumulations of interest be effected by the Board that can possibly be obtained. In future we would recommend that all loans made upon mortgage should also be accompanied with a personal bond satisfactory to the Board, guaranteeing the payment of said interest promptly; and in regard to loans already made, we would advise, as far as possible, that a personal bond be also obtained. We would also urge that in the future all loans should be limited in amount, and thereby help the many, instead of gratifying the few with churches beyond the ability of those occupying the edifice, and thereby crippling rather than assisting the churches thus helped.

On motion the report was adopted and referred to the Executive Board.

Dr. Lasher, of Ohio, presented the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Society are hereby tendered to the members of the First Baptist Church and congregation, and of the other Baptist churches and congregations of the city of Cleveland, and to Christian friends of other denominations who have extended their hospitality to the members of this body, and to those who, by their singing and by other aids, have contributed to the interest and usefulness of this Anniversary.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. Charles Journey cake, chief of the Delaware tribe of Indians, and Pastor of a Baptist Church, addressed the meeting on "The Religious Condition of his People."

Rev. J. M. Chick, of Massachusetts, offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That as temperance, including total abstinence from the use of all intoxicants as a beverage, and practical condemnation of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes, is in harmony with the Word of God, and for the best interests of humanity, therefore, as a Society, and as Christian men, we are cordially in favor of, and most heartily indorse, all right efforts to promote the great and glorious cause of temperance, everywhere and among all peoples.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Cutting offered the following motion:

That the Annual Report be referred back to the Executive Board, for such action as may harmonize it with the determination of the Society.

After remarks by Dr. Cutting, Dr. Cheney, Dr. Crane, and Dr. Wayland, the motion was carried and the report so referred.

The Society then voted to adjourn. Prayer was offered by Dr. Hague, of New Jersey, and the meeting closed.

DAVID B. JUTTEN,

*Recording Secretary.*

# Report of Executive Board,

PRESENTED MAY 29th, 1878.

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The Executive Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society respectfully submit their Forty-sixth Annual Report:

If it be possible to mark the inception of American Home Missions, it may perhaps be said better than of any other date, that they had their origin with the fall of Quebec, and the consequent peace of 1763. The English colonists, till that period, shut by French and Indian menaces and massacres within their narrow range along the coast, now pressed to the unoccupied lands around them, and commenced settlements in Maine, interior and northern New Hampshire, Vermont, northern and interior New York, and western Pennsylvania.\* The Revolution checked emigration for a time, but only to be resumed with a larger volume on the return of peace and the establishment of Independence. To these first outgoing settlers the Gospel was borne by the agency of Home Missions. Sometimes indeed, when they went in colonies, their ministers went with them, but these were the exceptional and favored cases. The missionary labors of those days, and for a half century succeeding the Declaration of Independence, were in the form of missionary excursions, the missionary traveling from settlement to settlement, gathering the people as best he might to hear the Gospel, and founding and confirming churches in the wilderness. These excursions may have been sometimes

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\* So also emigration approached and crossed the mountains of the South, to found new States in the Valley of the Mississippi.

the voluntary undertakings of individual ministers, whose hearts followed the settlers with a yearning affection for their souls; often they were excursions under appointment of such ecclesiastical or denominational authorities as then existed—Presbyterian, Congregational, or Baptist—notably among ourselves under appointment of the early Baptist Associations. Now, too, was the dawn of Methodism, which sent its itinerants to this work of evangelization. From the opening of the present century societies specifically for Home Mission labors were formed in the Baptist denomination. The Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society, our chief early organization of this kind, had its origin in 1802, and its missionaries went to the then new settlements of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, and Pennsylvania, extending their labors even across the St. Lawrence into Upper Canada. The missionary societies of Connecticut and New York came later, born of this missionary spirit, and adding their labors in the same direction. In a Letter published in the Danbury Association Minutes of 1813, giving an account of the Connecticut Baptist Missionary Society, this general home missionary movement is referred to in terms little short of rapture. "Missionaries," says the Letter, "have traveled and preached in almost every town of the United States which is destitute of a settled minister, and some have gone into the dark shades of the wilderness to call the natives to the great supper of the Gospel."\* The rise of Foreign Missions did not abate the interest in Home Missions. The two proceed from one and the same spirit, and are mutually promotive of the one common cause of the world's evangelization. An attempt was made in 1817, at the first Triennial meeting of the Baptist General Convention, now the American Baptist Missionary Union, to engraft Home Missions upon that body. The demand for this measure was urgent. The Board were reluctant

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\* The writer of this Letter was the Rev. Joshua Bradley, a graduate of Brown University, and himself a signal illustration of the missionary spirit which he describes. He was a missionary to New Hampshire and Vermont, and went thence to the new settlements of western New York. He followed the tides of emigration, and lived to do service in his favorite department of education, down to extreme old age, in Minnesota.

to make changes in the Constitution, but three years' experience, they said, had satisfied them that it was "expedient," and would be "beneficial," "to extend the powers of the Convention" so as "to embrace Home Missions." The question was referred to a committee, who reported unanimously in favor of the change, and the Constitution was accordingly amended.\* Under this amendment, John M. Peck, that illustrious pioneer, to whom Illinois owes so much for its exemption from the bane of slavery, and James E. Welch, his worthy coadjutor, were sent, the first missionaries of the denomination, to the banks of the Mississippi. "In this tender of myself," said the prescient and sturdy Peck, "I wish to have it explicitly understood that I consider my time, talents, and all that I may ever possess, as belonging solely to the missionary cause; begging only the privilege of living the life and dying the death of a missionary of the cross." "While making this tender," said the more sanguine and impetuous Welch, "I tremble and rejoice. \* \* \* Here is an inviting field for missionary labor; to this I look with compassionate impatience." On Sunday, May 25th, 1817, these two young missionaries were solemnly set apart to their work in the Sansom Street Church in Philadelphia. Georgia and South Carolina, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts shared in the impressive exercises of this consecration. "The whole of the services," says a narrator, "were calculated to fill the mind with a deep sense of the glory of the Redeemer, and the awful responsibilities of the Christian missionary, as well as to excite a cheerful conviction that the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In communicating their instructions to the missionaries, the Board gave utterance to the conviction that "Western as well as Eastern regions are given to the Son of God as an inheritance, and that His Gospel will triumph amid the settlers of the Mississippi and the sublimer Missouri, and extend to all the red inhabitants of the wilderness."

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\* Art. XIII.—That the Board shall have power, at their discretion to appropriate a portion of their funds to domestic missionary purposes, in such parts of this country where the seed of the Word may be advantageously cast, and which mission societies, on a small scale, do not effectively reach.—*Proceedings* of 1817, p. 139.

"You have voluntarily put your hands to the plow," they add ; "never, never look back."\* With such solemn and impressive formality, were set apart the first missionaries whom the General Convention sent to the West.

But in engrafting Home Missions upon the foreign missionary organization, they had at the same time engrafted upon it "plans for the encouragement of education," in the specific form of founding an institution of classical and theological learning. The offshoot broke under the weight of such a burden ; the General Convention returned to its own special sphere of Foreign Missions, retaining in this country only its missions to the Indian tribes; and Home Missions, in the sense of missions to the settlers of new regions, outgrowing the capacities of all local societies, took their ripened organic form in the American Baptist Home Mission Society, founded in the year 1832.

The Erie Canal had been completed in 1825. Tides of migration from the northern States were now flowing into Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois, and here were the scenes of the first and the greatest triumphs of the Society's labors. With few exceptions, the churches to-day vigorous and powerful in those great States were planted by it, or were nourished by it in their infancy. The second name standing on the list of missionaries sent to Ohio, in the very year of the Society's origin, was that of the missionary pastor of the honored and powerful church with which we are now assembled in Cleveland. The First Baptist Churches of the great cities of Detroit, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, and Chicago are all its children. Forty-six years have passed away, and in all that period, as migration has extended to new territories and rising States, it has been followed by the missionaries of this Society. In that time the Society has issued to its various forms of laborers, 7,874 commissions. Wherever in all this broad expanse the Baptist denomination is strong and efficient, wherever in scattered homes and nascent towns the Society is now bearing the consolations of faith and the conserving power of Christianity, there the Society has its fruits, its rewards, and its vindication. If we extend the conception of

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\* *Proceedings* of 1817, pp. 172-175.

Home Missions—if we take in the kindred labors of other denominations through all these years—how signally is it found to be true that the progress of the Gospel which has attended the progress of settlement has from the beginning been by the agency of Home Missions! If from the days when the early settlers crossed the bloody French border, more than one hundred years ago, Christianity has gone with the expanding population, it is because Home Missions have borne it, and that population over these wide spaces is Christian to-day in proportion as it is descended from that original stock, and in proportion as the Home Mission labors which have followed it have been wise, generous, comprehensive, and persistent.

This brief survey of the triumphs of Home Missions would be imperfect if it did not acknowledge, to the praise of God, the part which those Missions have borne in the formation of the social and political character of the regions on which those triumphs have been achieved. That our advancing settlements have become, in the spirit of their social and political organization, Christian States is due, under God, to Home Mission agency. The founders of this, and of other Home Mission Societies, had the character of the States to rise in the Valley of the Mississippi steadily in view. States are as the intellectual and moral life of the people who compose them. “Power,” said the founders of these Societies, “will pass to the Great Valley, and as we of our day make its people, so will be its States when they shall have come to their controlling part in the destiny of the nation.” Hence, with the missionaries who followed emigration came schools and colleges having their foundations in Christian faith, and hence to-day that which is most advanced and refined in the intellectual and moral character of these States—all that which makes their laws and manners, their industrial and social life Christian—is to be referred back to the agencies which established and maintained in their earlier history the institutions of religion. Incomplete as these achievements still are, much as remains to be done to make the earthly triumphs of Christ a perfected civilization in these States, that which has been actually accomplished may well fill our hearts with adoring gratitude, and stimulate our hope for the work which lies before us.

It only remains in this survey to note the fact, that the successes of Home Missions have continually broadened the basis of all evangelizing efforts. When the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society was formed in 1802, one of the original associates remarked, "that if they could do no more, they could, at least, send *one* missionary for the term of *three months*." In ten years the number of missionaries had increased to twenty, and the same ministers and churches who founded this original Home Mission Society were ready to engage, and did engage, in the work of Foreign Missions. On the very field of the labors of this early Society in interior New York, arose the New York Baptist Missionary Society, to carry its work still further into the wilderness, and over the whole scene of these Home Mission labors from Maine to western Pennsylvania, the people who had received the blessing of Home Missions came at once to the help of Foreign. This is the necessary working of the missionary spirit. When, under the benefits of Home Missions, Ohio has advanced to the strength necessary for the formation of Associations and a State Convention, she begins, through these organizations, the work of further evangelization. Ohio, strong in the churches which Home Missions planted and sustained within her borders, sends to-day to Nebraska, Colorado, and Oregon the blessings which she herself has received, and by the same agency. The American Baptist Home Mission Society thus appeals for the means to carry still further the evangelizing processes, not alone to the churches of the East, which called it into being and sustained its early labors, but to every church planted or nourished by its missionaries. Its work is imperfectly done if it does not carry everywhere the missionary spirit, and everywhere secure willing and joyful co-operation in its attempts to evangelize the continent. Nor this alone. A large part of the funds now received into our Foreign Missionary treasury come from the scenes of Home Mission labors. Wherever Home Missions succeed, there manifests itself not the spirit of Home Missions only, but of Foreign likewise. Of the moneys paid by the women of our churches to Foreign Missions during the past year, one-third came from Western churches, on the fields of the

Home Mission Society's successful labors. So must it ever be, and he who wishes well to the world's evangelization, will take care that the spirit of Home Missions is nourished, and that the basis of all evangelical influence is broadened by their successes. Give to our Lord Jesus Christ our own country evangelized, and the heathen will the sooner become His inheritance. He ordained this as the law of His gracious working, and all experience attests the wisdom and the power of His methods.

The Executive Board, in making their present report, experience no profounder regret than that which has arisen from their inability during the past year to meet the proper claims of this department of the Society's work. It is the department fundamental to all others, for in proportion as churches of the original stock are multiplied and strengthened in our expanding population, in that proportion shall we have a denomination fruitful in all good works, whether at home or abroad. Entering upon the year with the certain prospect of a diminished income, with large engagements made in more prosperous times, matured and maturing, with a heavy debt and with peril of a heavier, it was our trying problem to maintain our whole work with the utmost vigor compatible with the Society's safety. It is occasion of profound gratitude to God, that though the year ended with an augmented debt, it ended with the crisis of our difficulties passed, and with the assured hope of ability to enlarge again our purely missionary work.

Referring for further details of the work of the year to the accompanying documents, the Board first acknowledging, with devout gratitude, the divine blessing which has attended in all departments the laborers who have borne the commissions of this Society, beg to offer the following statements:

#### WORK OF THE YEAR.

The number of missionaries (including teachers) engaged in the work of the Society during the past year has been 222. While we have to regret a number of missionaries smaller by eleven than the year previous, we have occasion for gratitude that the number of baptisms was increased by 253, the total number being

1,834. The number of persons, teachers and their classes, in the Sunday Schools under missionary care, has risen from 18,747 to 19,140, not including the considerable numbers who are in Union Schools. The reported contributions to benevolent objects of the churches aided, has fallen off from \$8,642,14 to \$5,911,00,—an illustration of the stringency of the times.

The Board are able to report faithful and efficient missionary labor, and churches generally united—many of them blessed with revivals—and the whole prospect of the missionary field encouraging and hopeful. That which this department of our work asks from the churches is larger means, that the work may be enlarged. Migration is setting westward with an impulse unequalled for many years, creating most urgent calls for an increased amount of itinerant labor, and while multiplying churches requiring temporary aid, advancing others more rapidly to a self-sustaining condition. In Iowa and Wisconsin there remains work which this Society ought to do, while Minnesota, herself thoroughly active under the new impulses advancing that State to greatness, urges claims for a redoubled force, itinerant and pastoral. If Nebraska has seemed to some to receive more than her share of missionary help, she owes it largely to the personal liberality of her General Missionary, Dr. Webb, whose gifts to our treasury have been as conspicuous as the energy of his work. He has made a limited amount of money go a great ways,—and yet Nebraska is not cared for in proper proportion to its needs. Kansas feels the new tide of migration, and needs help which promises more permanent fruits than have been reaped in former years. In Colorado, Nevada, California, and Oregon our work has fallen sadly behind, and should be immediately restored. In all the territories work should be instantly assumed or augmented. In Utah we are doing nothing, in Arizona nothing, in New Mexico, where our Presbyterian brethren acknowledge gratefully that they are building on our abandoned labors, we are doing nothing. The Board ask earnestly of you, fathers and brethren, shall these things be? Shall these great works of our country's evangelization go undone so far as we are concerned, and the honor and the reward be left to other denominations, more wise and

more true to their trust? The Board will carefully dispense a larger bounty, if the churches will but place it in their hands.

#### FREEDMEN AND EDUCATION.

Schools for the education of preachers and teachers, now eight in number, are all in successful operation, their teachers diligent and faithful, and the number of their students of both sexes increased. The number of teachers is, male 24, female 11, and the total number of students is 1,056. There was at the beginning of the school year a general application for an increase of teaching force, which the condition of our finances, and the proper balancing of the Societies' work, compelled the Board to deny. In some instances the demand was met by funds given for the purpose. Prof. Stone, nephew of the Rev. Marsena Stone, D.D., fell at his post in Leland University, in the judgment of Dr. Stone, who was sharer and witness of his toil, a victim of excessive work. The Natchez Seminary was opened in the autumn under the tuition of the Rev. Charles Ayer, with Mr. Inman E. Page (colored), a graduate of Brown University, as his assistant. In this building the Society has a very valuable school property at very low cost, in the midst of a vast population needing its advantages, and the eminently successful opening year demonstrates alike the fitness of the selection of teachers, and the hope of the great usefulness of the school. The colored people of Alabama have appealed to the Board for a school in that State, but the financial condition of the Society has rendered it impossible to consider any plans for the present establishment of new schools.

The judicious labors of the Rev. Mr. Corley among the Freedmen of Georgia have been continued, and two faithful and efficient colored missionaries, educated at the Augusta School, and supported partly by this Society and partly by the Georgia Baptist State Convention, have been in service in the same State. The Board make this special reference to these two young men, to express the pleasure derived from a co-operation which has been thoroughly just and fraternal in character, and which, as they hope, will prove the harbinger of greater good. The Board have

endeavored to carry forward those forms of labor for the elevation of the homes of the Freedmen which were so fully stated in the Report of last year. Other references to this subject will be made elsewhere in this Report.

#### IMMIGRANT POPULATIONS.

The Board have continued the customary labors of the Society among Germans, Scandinavians, and French, with very little abatement from the stringency of the times, and with encouraging results. This work among the Germans is performed chiefly in co-operation with the Eastern and Western German Conferences, by which Conferences one-half the expense is borne. When Germans and French are inhabitants of towns and cities, the Society has met in several instances an embarrassing difficulty. In these towns and cities are large and efficient Baptist churches, which have been accustomed to give considerable sums to our treasury for the general work of the Society. These churches, however, in the instances referred to, have encouraged the establishment in their neighborhood of German or French missions, and in various ways have diverted from the treasury of this Society, for their support, the contributions which our general work had been accustomed to receive. In some instances they have done this directly, ceasing their contributions to this Society altogether. In others they have sent their contributions designated for this special work. In others they have sent their contributions to our treasury, but with appeals for the return of more than the sums given, and in others they have both designated their funds, and asked for more in return. It will readily be seen that the logical result of these modes of contribution, if made universal, would be the paralysis of the Society. This Society does not exist for the support of local missions among the strong; its chief purpose is to carry the Gospel to "the regions beyond," to build up churches and a Christian civilization in the wilderness. Its aid in behalf of immigrant populations in towns and cities, where there are strong churches, is incidental, and when that incidental work is permitted to loosen the bonds which connect such churches with the larger sphere of the Society's labors,

becomes questionable. It is a strain which the Society can not long support. We look to such churches, and beseech them for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, themselves to supply a remedy ; to support their local missions with a generous liberality, but to remember likewise that they belong to a denomination and have a country, and that neither this Society, the Baptist denomination, nor their country can afford their withdrawal from the closest sympathy with our work, and participation in it. It gives us great pleasure to state that one conspicuous and noble church,\* renowned for broad sympathy and good works, has, during the past year, surrendered formally this position, and come again to the help of this Society.

#### IMMIGRANT HEATHEN POPULATION.

Our work among the Chinese in California has been carried on for the last two years in co-operation with the Metropolitan Baptist Church in San Francisco. That arrangement will cease on the first of July, and the Board desire, if possible, to place the mission at that time in charge of a missionary speaking Chinese, who has had experience in China. It was the hope of the Board that they would be able to secure such co-operation on the part of the San Francisco churches as would provide room-rent, and ample voluntary evening and Sunday-School instruction for the help of our missionary, but our late intelligence is not encouraging as to this result. It will be the work of the missionary to reorganize the mission with the best available help, and we shall depend on our San Francisco brethren, whose interest in the mission we are happy to acknowledge, to render the best aid in their power. The San Francisco mission has experienced the difficulties incident to the social question of the Chinese which agitates California, but has been steadily sustained with the blessing of God upon its labors. The mission at Portland, Oregon, is undisturbed by this question. It is maintained and fostered by the Baptist Church in that city, and commands the sympathy and respect of the community. The Board have made

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\* The Baptist Church in Burlington, Vermont.

an appropriation for the support of Dong Gong, a faithful Christian minister, who is the chief laborer in the good work of the evangelization of his countrymen.

#### INDIAN MISSIONS.

The missions of this Society to the Indians are in a condition less satisfactory than is desired. They require reorganization, and to be conducted on a recognized and stable system. In the five civilized tribes our late labors have been chiefly evangelizing, the schools and other means of civilization being left to the care of governmental and tribal action. Our information is to the effect that the tribal schools require the improvement which is likely to ensue from the presence of better schools, under independent religious care, and that the time has by no means arrived for leaving the most advanced of the Indians without exterior influences and aid in respect to the processes of civilization. The question of schools has been under consideration by the Board during the year, but without the information which would justify the forming of specific plans. In respect to certain of the tribes, there seems now to be a special call for an advanced school, and the whole condition of the colored population among the Indians appeals to us for immediate measures to give them missionaries and schools. We have given encouragements in respect to a school for the Creek Freedmen, which ought to be realized with no longer delay, and the pitiable condition of the freed people in some of the neighboring tribes presents claims even more urgent.

In a late communication (dated May 5), the Commissioner for Indian Affairs has informed this Society that the support hitherto given to Freedmen's schools in the Indian Territory will not be continued. "He says, 'these schools have been placed upon a fair basis, and are pretty well supplied with books, and other material for the work, which I am perfectly willing to leave in the hands of your church, or other suitable parties, if the schools are to be continued.'" He asks likewise to be informed as to the action we will take. The question merits, and we hope will receive the attention of the Society.

The other Indian agency assigned to this Society is the Nevada. The Board are pained to say that nothing toward the religious and social improvement of the Indians of this agency has been undertaken by us. The Indians are widely scattered, and can not be brought together at any central point. But their condition is capable of an improvement which should be effected. The Rev. T. J. Arnold, late our missionary at Reno, has taken government service among these Indians, and, with his wife, is laboring for their improvement. A regular mission in that agency should be undertaken.

In respect to the Indian question generally, it is becoming that this Society should express a profound aversion to any measures, by legislation or otherwise, on the part of the government, which should have the effect to change essentially the civilizing processes so successfully carried forward during the past ten years. The various religious bodies, whose aid has been invoked, have generally been faithful to their great trust, and to substitute for their gentle and humanizing influence the processes of military control, and the corruption which follows invariably the contact of armies with uncivilized races, would be a mistake alike in morals and economy, and unworthy of the character of the American people.

#### FINANCES.

The receipts into the treasury from all sources, not including temporary loans, during the year now reported were \$175,209.33, and the expenditures for all purposes, not including payments of such loans, and including loans of Church Edifice Fund, were \$174,119.88. The corresponding receipts of the year previous were \$189,824.31, showing a total falling off of receipts to the amount of \$14,614.98. The corresponding expenditures and Church Edifice loans for the previous year were \$262,503.24, showing a falling off of in such expenditures and loans to the amount of \$88,383.36.

The exact balance against the Society at the end of the previous year, entirely for borrowed money, amounted, after deducting cash on hand, to \$40,452.76, and the same balance this year

amounts to \$45,433.18, showing an increase of the Society's debt to the amount of \$4,980.42.

The Board invite the careful scrutiny of the Society into the manner in which the finances have been administered during the year now closed. Considering, on the one hand, that the amount of money received during the year from legacies and for investments subject to life-interest to donors, an amount always varying, has fallen off during the year by about \$20,000; considering also the severe financial stringency with which the country has been struggling; and considering, on the other hand, the difficulty, in an established work, with claims in its various departments often conflicting, of adjusting expenditures to an income necessarily uncertain, the Executive Board feel justified in congratulating the Society on a result no more unfavorable. With endeavors to raise funds never intermitted, it has cost constant regret and pain to decline applications for aid which could be granted only on peril of disaster to the Society. The Board have sought, with a vigilance, which has never been relaxed, to secure best the Society's great ends, and the disappointments they have been compelled to inflict on others they have first felt in their own hearts.

It is proper here that the Society's financial condition should be further explained, and to make this explanation it is necessary to repeat some of the statements of the last report. Two years ago, by an individual liberality which the Society gratefully remembers, all liabilities of the Society, then matured and payable, were paid; but there were outstanding contracts for the completion of our school building at Nashville, to mature during the year, reaching the large sum of \$31,124, and outstanding notes for the original purchase of the Nashville property, likewise so maturing, amounting to \$11,000, the whole making the sum of \$42,124.00. Of the money used in the payment of matured obligations, March 31, 1876, the sum of \$12,000 was given, with the privilege reserved by the donors to designate that amount to the erection of the Nashville building, which amount was in fact subsequently so designated. The further sum of \$15,971.06 was received during the year with this designation, making the total sum of desig-

nated money paid out on the Nashville contracts and notes \$27,971.06. The difference between this amount and the amount of those contracts and notes was \$14,152.94, which is the amount of debt actually incurred on the Nashville buildings and property. It is proper to say that this sum would have been materially less but for the failure of funds which the Board had reason to anticipate. The restoration, however, as just stated, to the purposes of the Nashville school, of the designated \$12,000 which had been used in the payment of matured obligations, March 31, 1876, had the practical effect of reviving that amount of the old debt, and the debt of March 31, 1877, has therefore the following explanation :

Incurred on account of Nashville buildings and property .....	\$14,152.94
Debt of March 31, 1876, revived.....	12,000.00
Debt incurred in ordinary account of year ending March 31, 1877.....	14,299.82
Total debt of March 31, 1877.....	\$40,452.76

The struggle of the past year has not been with this debt alone. In February, 1876, the Society had purchased by auction from the government, at the low cost of \$5,000, the abandoned United States Marine Hospital at Natchez, Mississippi, and in accepting from an honored friend of the Society, C. T. Sampson, Esq., of North Adams, Mass., the gift of the money for purchasing it, had assumed the obligation to reconstruct it, and establish within it an additional school for preachers and teachers of the colored race. The expenditure of the money required for this purpose, amounting to \$11,807.15, has come within the year now closed. We have a superb building at a nominal cost. It is estimated that it would require \$60,000 to replace it, but the sum paid has been a great strain upon our treasury, and more than explains the augmentation of our debt. It fulfills, however, all obligations assumed by the Society for the establishment of schools, and restores our expenditures to those of an ordinary character.

These great burdens for material structures have fallen upon the Society at a period of unparalleled difficulty in obtaining funds. The Society has shared the common disappointments of

our time, and the Board respectfully submit, that with these obligations, assumed in a period of better auspices, and inevitable when times became changed, the struggle of the year has not been an unsuccessful one. They could have wished a better result. But they have the satisfaction of feeling that they have reached solid rock at last, and they may reasonably look for a gradual and certain improvement, with new vigor in every department of the Society's work.

It will be remembered that in the report of the Financial Committee, to whom the Treasurer's report was referred at the last meeting of the Society, there was an intimation that provision had been made for the extinguishment of \$20,000 of the debt, and that this intimation was repeated in a note appended to the published report of the Board. This measure was subsequently found to be impracticable, and was abandoned. Under the expectation that this reduction of the debt could be made, the same Financial Committee recommended an immediate effort to extinguish the \$20,000 which, if this measure had succeeded, would still have remained. An appeal was made at the annual meeting, and by a public statement immediately thereafter, for this object. Pledges, following the lead of a venerable minister, a friend of this Society from its foundation—Rev. John Blain—were made to the amount of a few thousand dollars, and above \$3,000 has been paid, but it was at once discovered that this measure of relief could not be prosecuted, without embarrassing the attempt of the Missionary Union to accomplish the deliverance from its greater burdens which had been so auspiciously begun at the annual meeting of that Society. It seemed clear to the Board that the simultaneous pressing of similar claims would have the appearance of ungracious competition, and it was deemed wise to postpone the appeal of this Society till autumn. Autumn came with deep gloom on the finances of the country. Some, who were ready to give liberally in June, were unprepared to give in December, and so the auspicious time for relief never came. It seemed the inevitable will of Providence that we should struggle with the burden to the end of the year, and in spite of the best efforts of the Board find that burden augmented.

## CHURCH EDIFICE FUND.

The Executive Board desire to call the special attention of the Society to the condition of the Church Edifice Fund, a full tabulated statement of which will be found appended to this Report. This Fund was created with special reference to new and rising towns, under the view that aid so furnished in the erection of houses of worship, would tend to the early establishment, in such towns, of self-sustaining and efficient churches. The aid of the Fund was to be furnished, not in gifts of money, but in loans at seven per cent. In every case a first mortgage was to be taken, the interest to be paid semi-annually, and added to the principal of the Fund, to aid in like manner other churches in like condition. Generally this aid has been furnished to the West. Some loans have been made in Southern States, and some, in exceptional and extraordinary instances, in the East.

The Fund had its beginning in the early history of the Society, but it was not till 1867, when its amount was no more than about \$30,000, that what is now known as the "Plan of the Church Edifice Fund," was adopted, and the late Dr. Taylor was appointed to secure its increase, and to administer its use. Under his powerful appeals the Fund had immediate and large augmentation. It was loaned in strict conformity with the rules of the plan, and under its provisions 280 churches down to the present time have been made the recipients of its benefits.

The Board regret that they are obliged to call the attention of the Society to the difficulties attending, in many instances, their efforts to secure the payment of loans. They record with pleasure the promptness of many churches in the payment of interest, and of many in the gradual reduction of the principal. They have known instances, worthy of all praise, in which churches have kept their plighted faith at the cost of great self-denial to the members. They regret to say that there are other instances in which the claims of the Society have met persistent neglect, equally worthy of censure. Between the two classes are found, in large numbers, churches which have succumbed more or less to the embarrassments of the times, and are pleading their embarrassments as an argument for the forbearance of the Board. As a rule large

loans have proved unfortunate, unfortunate to the churches as well as to the Fund, and on the basis of this experience within the last two years have been uniformly declined as unsafe. It is the present rule to grant aid to those only who propose to build modestly, with reference to present needs rather than to expanded expectations, and no loan is granted without a certificate that the sum required will meet all unpaid liabilities incurred in building. It is believed that that which is safest to the Fund must in the end be best for the cause.

The question of compromise in cases of the virtual bankruptcy of churches, has been one of serious difficulty. The Board have turned back to the origin and history of the Fund, and have found the money in their hands a sacred trust for a specific purpose. By the terms of that trust, as set forth in the Plan which was made part of the subscription, they can never give the Fund away, nor loan it without interest, nor abate interest on money loaned. They must collect principal and interest, and loan again to help other churches. Any disregard of these fundamental considerations would be a breach of trust, and criminal before God and man.

But calamities happen to churches as to individuals, and the property mortgaged may lose its value. In one instance, a house of worship which cost \$10,000, and on which the Society had a mortgage, was, by the ruin of the town, so reduced in value as to be appraised at \$450 only. Some of the most difficult cases with which the Society has had to deal have been occasioned by causes of this character. In some cases the mortgage laws of the State have rendered mortgagees practically helpless; and added to these difficulties, in one church there were internal complications which still further embarrassed the question of the duty of the Board. Cases involving difficulties of these various kinds have compelled the Board to consider their right to make compromises *in the interest of the Fund*. The creditor who can not get his entire claim is entitled to consider by what means he can get a part. A Savings Bank, which holds its funds in trust for the benefit of its depositors, if by any event it has made an unfortunate investment, must possess the right to com-

promise in its own interest. The Board have construed their right and duty as of analogous character, and have made compromises with a view to saving the largest amount possible of the claims.

Unfortunately, a compromise with a church which is insolvent leads a neighboring church which is not insolvent to ask the same favor, and it is sometimes found difficult or impossible to convince such a church that the Board has no power to grant their request. Crops cut off, prominent members dying or removing, changes in membership such that those who contracted the debt are all dead or removed — none of them considerations which can be weighed while the security is good, are urged upon the Board, and the reply that we are without power or right to surrender or abate our claims for such reasons is regarded as unintelligible or unfeeling. Interest is to be paid, and principal to be paid, by voluntary contributions; these are withheld, and the church passes to the category of chronic delinquents.

Difficulties like these have rendered church loans the least favored kind of investments. Insurance Companies and individual capitalists, with rare exceptions, decline them absolutely. Church property foreclosed brings generally but a small part of its cost, and acts of foreclosure often subject mortgagees to criticism. It is the misfortune of this department of the Society that its business is exclusively of a character from which business men shrink with aversion.

It is lamentable that practical difficulties so serious should embarrass a fund founded for purposes so beneficent and so full of promise and hope. It should be said, however, in justice alike to the Board and to the beneficiary churches, that the operations of this Fund encountered in their untried experiment the disaster of the great commercial crisis. The loans of the Society were made largely before the crisis, when money was abundant and loans of all kinds were prodigally contracted, and compared with mining, railroad, and town and county loans, the loans of this Fund will be found to sustain a favorable comparison.

The Board respectfully ask the reference of this part of the Report, with accompanying documents, to a judicious committee,

through whom the opinions and advice of the Society may be given as an aid in the future administration of the Fund.

#### WOMEN'S WORK IN HOME MISSIONS.

In the Report of last year the Executive Board had the pleasure of calling the attention of the Society to the signs of an increasing interest in Home Missions among the women of our churches. Several considerations had led the Board, through its officers and agents, to promote that interest by manifold and earnest efforts. The women of our churches constitute the larger part of our members, and bear the same relation to the work of evangelization by a community of churches, which they bear to the work of evangelization by a particular church. They are, therefore, as essential to the missionary organization as to the church. It is they who, by their active spiritual sympathy, and by their facility for organization, are capable, more than the other sex, of giving to the missionary cause the universality of co-operation which is so essential to the full vigor of its work. Home Missions owe to them an older debt than do Foreign. Of the sum of \$1,471.75 received into the treasury of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society in the year ending 1811, the sum of \$403.54 was from Female Societies, and \$30.75 from individual women, making \$434.29, or not much less than one-third of the total receipts from women. And this in addition to what they may have given in the reported church contributions. In like manner, in the year ending 1812, out of a total of \$1,288.16, the amount which was given by women was \$439.97, or more than one-third. In the year ending 1813, out of a total of \$1,056.71, the amount from women was \$415.84, or about two-fifths. In the year ending 1814, out of a total of \$1,044.35, the amount from women was \$275.30, or more than one-quarter. In the year ending 1815, out of a total amount of \$1,266.86, the amount from women was \$394.93, or more than one-third. In the five years, out of a total of \$6,133.83, the amount from women was \$1,959.33, or nearly one-third, and of this sum \$1,793.62, or more than nine-tenths, was from Female Societies. These Societies were generally known as "Female Mite Societies." Their contributions were made up of

small sums, but they aggregated a large relative amount, and they were recognized as a strong force in the Home Mission work which carried the Gospel to what were then known as the wilds of western New York. One of these Societies, organized in 1806, the "Female Mite Society" of the First Baptist Church in Providence, is still in existence, and has the honor, so far as is known, of being the oldest Baptist Society now engaged in any form of Home Mission work. It was this zeal and capacity of our women for organization which lent so powerful an impulse to our early work in Foreign Missions. In the first Triennial meeting of the Baptist General Convention in 1817, out of forty Societies represented by delegates, six were Female Societies, and out of one hundred and eighty-nine auxiliary Societies by which the Convention was at that time sustained, one hundred and twelve, or three-fifths of the whole number, were societies of women. The American Baptist Home Mission Society has, in like manner, from the day of its origin, rested largely on the support of the women of our churches. An analysis of the Society's receipts for the purposes of illustrating the extent of the dependence is impracticable, but the fact is demonstrated in the sources of the legacies of which the Society has been the recipient. In the forty-six years of the Society's history, of the 693 persons who have made bequests to its treasury, 375 were women, and of the total sum received from legacies during that time, amounting to \$378,933.49, the sum received from the bequests of women has been \$148,328.81.

It was the testimony of District Secretaries that the absence of a general organization of our women in auxiliary relations with this Society, while such a Society existed in the department of Foreign Missions, was estranging their sympathies from the work of Home Missions. It was not doubted that, with an opportunity given, they would rally to the support of Home Missions with no abatement of their interest in Foreign, and the manner of giving that opportunity became the subject of thought and anxiety. Nor was it a question of the treasury and of our general work alone. For many years the Society has been engaged in forms of labor which appealed specially to the sympathy and co-operation of

Christian women. As soon as the issues of the Civil War had presented to American Christians the great duty of the enlightenment and elevation of the colored race, this Society sent female missionaries to the South to be teachers of the freed people, and to be evangelists of their homes. The first of these missionaries, bearing the commission of this Society, was Miss Joanna P. Moore (appointed December 31, 1863), who lives to this day to illustrate in her still continued work, what is Christ-like in missions to the homes of the ignorant and lowly. The number of female missionaries, whose reports of labors are on record, was, in five years, including reappointments, *one hundred and forty-nine*. And when experience in missionary labors among the freed people had led the Society to believe that it could soonest reach and elevate the great mass by the Christian education of teachers and preachers of their own race, and our Seminaries arose to perform that function, the Society still summoned women to this work of missionary teaching, and opened the doors of most of the Schools to colored young women, taking the position that there could be no successful attempts to elevate the race which did not secure as a power in the elevating process educated women to be teachers, wives, and mothers. These female teachers, supported by the Society, are all in the strictest sense missionaries, and none of our teachers more than they are careful to send reports of missionary work.

But the Board was not content with the mission work possible to be performed in connection with our schools. It was by them an accepted maxim, that the elevation of the race would be in proportion to the Christianization of homes, and in a committee, appointed Dec. 14, 1876, to whom was referred the whole question of work in behalf of the Freedmen, this subject had special consideration. Miss Moore's mission, which was more nearly on the type of the missions of women maintained in the earlier labors of the Society in behalf of the Freedmen, served as the model, and the Board adopted the recommendation of the committee, "to promote missions of similar character, by enlisting in their behalf the women of our churches."

While these questions were under consideration, the impulse

towards Women's Home Mission Societies awakened in the Indian Territory under the General Missionary of this Society there laboring, and with the Indians as the special object of their zeal, was brought to Chicago, and there taking form, under advice from this Board, was expanded to the comprehension of the wider work in which this Society had been engaged, and which the Board now desired to enlarge and intensify.

In the Annual Report of last year, the Board expressed its great joy at the formation of the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society at Chicago, in the belief that by the powerful aid of the women of our churches, so working in organic relations with this Society, this special work would be promoted with a fresh vigor, and the whole work of Home Missions be brought to our churches with a new emphasis.

As the Board expected, the subject of Home Missions, once brought to the attention of our sisters, has awakened among them a most signal interest in the special forms of labor to which we have adverted. In this is furnished abundant occasion of joy and gratitude.

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[A discussion having arisen in the annual meeting of the Society on a paragraph of the report referring to Women's Work in Home Missions, the following vote was passed, viz.:

"That this Report be referred back to the Executive Board for such action as may harmonize it with the determination of the Society."

The determination of the Society referred to is found in the Proceedings, p. 24, and is here repeated in place of the portion of the paragraph omitted. It is as follows :

*Whereas*, The Women's Baptist Home Mission Society have undertaken a work but little prosecuted by this Society, viz.: a work by women in homes for the elevation and Christianization of the families of the more degraded population of our country, and

*Whereas*, They declare that they have entered upon this work with the intention only of becoming a strong ally to this Society in its grand work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we welcome the Women's Society as an associate agency in the enterprise of home evangelization;

*Resolved*, That, to prevent any misunderstanding or complications, we recommend that mutual consultations, as proposed by the Board of the

Women's Society, be had between them and the Board of this Society, upon all matters in respect to which the two Boards may have a common interest;

*Resolved*, That we further recommend the Women's Society to report to our Board the names of all their missionaries, their fields of labor, the work performed, and, as far as possible, the results achieved; also their receipts and expenditures; and that the same be incorporated in the Annual Report of our Board, as the work of a co-ordinate organization;

*Resolved*, That we express our cordial sympathy and fellowship with the Boston and Michigan associations, and all other associations of women laboring in more or less close relations with this Society in the prosecution of its work.]

The Board have great pleasure in acknowledging the relations subsisting between this Society and the Women's Home Mission Society of Michigan, by whose funds, contributed to our treasury, are supported, Miss Dyer, one of our teachers at Nashville, and Miss Vaughan, missionary at New Orleans. These ladies, selected and nominated by the Michigan Society, bear the commissions of this Society. It is proposed to transfer Miss Vaughan to Natchez, where the Board design to establish a mission as soon as the necessary missionaries and funds are provided. The condition of the colored population at that point renders a mission important, and the contiguity to our school in that place furnishes sympathy and co-operation.

In like manner the Board are happy to acknowledge the similar relations between this Society and the lately formed Women's American Baptist Home Mission Society, whose seat is in Boston. The ladies associated there form a link in Home Mission history of most interesting character. When Boston was the chief seat of our Home Mission operations, the women organized as the Boston Female Missonary Society, in the year 1800, were a most efficient auxiliary, and when, fifteen years ago, the American Baptist Home Mission Society sent female missionaries in so large numbers to the homes of the Freedmen, they were mostly New England women, with their support furnished from New England. The Society at Boston enters upon an inheritance which is itself an inspiration.

#### MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

After long deliberation, after extended correspondence with District Secretaries and others, the Board have come to the con-

clusion that a publication of some kind, at low cost, will be an important aid to the funds, and to the work of the Society. They have accordingly issued the first number of such a periodical, and herewith present it to the Society. Made ready in the midst of preparations for the publication of the Annual Report and accompanying documents, it is an imperfect specimen of what is intended. This measure is not resorted to as undervaluing the aid of newspapers, to which the Society is, and must remain indebted, but for purposes which are special, and for which a more private medium of communication with donors and friends is desirable. It is the opinion of the Treasurer of the most venerable, and one of the most successful, of Home Missionary organizations (the American Home Missionary Society), that probably one-half its large receipts are due to the monthly magazine which that Society has issued for fifty years. It is often the recognized occasion of legacies from friends who are its constant readers. An expensive publication is not intended. The postage bill now pending, it is expected, will soon become a law, and will facilitate the circulation of this magazine. It is not in contemplation to publish the second number till that law shall have come into operation.

#### CHANGES IN THE BOARD.

During the year the Society and the denomination have been afflicted by the death of the Rev. Henry C. Fish, D.D., who had been for years a member of the Board. Endowed with enormous capacity of work, a man of intense energy, and great courage of conviction, the whole power of his nature consecrated to the service of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, he was Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Newark for twenty-seven years, and died at the height of his strength and usefulness. The vacancy in the Board, created by his lamented departure, was filled by the election of the Rev. Emory J. Haynes, Pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church in Brooklyn. Nathan Bishop, LL.D., to whom the Society is indebted for many years of faithful work in the Board, for services rendered without compensation as Corresponding Secretary, and for very large donations to its treasury, having addressed to the Board his resignation,

with the reason therefor that multiplied cares required the relief to which length of service entitled him, the resignation was accepted with great regret, and John H. Deane, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy so occasioned.

#### TO THE MEMORY OF THE DEAD.

It has pleased God to remove from these earthly scenes during the year, many members, patrons, and friends of this Society. Some of these had given the Society, in consideration of interest for life, funds which, on their decease, have lapsed to its treasury, and some have bequeathed legacies in their wills. Among these there was one who, besides leaving a bequest, had in his life been accustomed to bestow, through this Society, a charity worthy of everlasting remembrance. For many years he sent annually to our treasury \$300, to be expended at the discretion of the Corresponding Secretary in the relief of missionaries of the Society, who themselves, or in their families, might be suffering from special forms of privation, or from sickness. The successive Secretaries have had no more tender or blessed privilege of their official position than to be almoners of this thoughtful and silent bounty of the late WILLIAM RUGGLES, LL.D., Professor for half a century in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C. He had neither wife nor children, but so sent blessings to wives and children whom he knew not, and who knew not the hand which came to their relief. Happy would be the Secretaries of this Society to find others to perpetuate a form of charity so blessing and so blessed.

In this year, also, has died GARDNER CHILSON, manufacturer and merchant, who, besides leaving a direct bequest to this Society of \$25,000, to be paid on the settlement of his estate, has left \$95,000 additional, to be paid on the death of his son. The Society is likewise made, with the Missionary Union, and the Publication Society, a residuary legatee. The questions which arose on the probate of the will have been happily settled to the satisfaction of all parties.

In the list, herewith submitted, of life directors and life members deceased during the year, will be found names widely known

through the denomination. Of these some have been in the direct service of this Society. The Rev. J. L. MOORE, D.D., was a missionary of the Society in the first year of its existence. The Rev. JOSEPH G. BINNEY, D.D., whose labors in the training of a native ministry in Burmah have been without a parallel in the history of Protestant missions, was under appointment by this Society, during one of the intervals of his missionary labors, as a teacher of colored preachers at Richmond, Va., and illustrated in that service the qualities which distinguished him in his more distant field. STERLING GARDNER, a young colored brother, a graduate of Madison University, fell after a brief but faithful service in two of our schools in the South. The Rev. WILLIAM H. BRISBANE, M.D., was a Southern man, who made great sacrifices for his convictions on the question of slavery, and at the dawn of emancipation repaired to the scenes of his early life, to become a teacher of the emancipated race. The Rev. CHARLES GAYER was long a faithful missionary to Germans and French. Others on this list were venerable for age as well as service. The names of all are submitted to the Society to be held in remembrance on our records.

A. B. CAPWELL,

*Chairman of Executive Committee.*

S. S. CUTTING,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

## SCHOOLS, 1877-1878,

OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY FOR THE  
EDUCATION OF PREACHERS AND TEACHERS.

WAYLAND SEMINARY,  
*Washington, D. C.*

STUDENTS.  
Male. Female.

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. G. M. P. King.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. James Storum.....		
Miss Julia M. Bartlett.....	79	15

RICHMOND INSTITUTE,  
*Richmond, Va.*

<i>President</i> —Rev. Charles H. Corey.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Joseph E. Jones.....		
“ D. N. Vassar.....		
Mr. Charles J. Daniel.....	104	

SHAW UNIVERSITY,  
*Raleigh, N. C.*

<i>President</i> —Rev. Henry M. Tupper.....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Fred L. Spofford.....		
“ D. L. Farrar.....		
“ N. F. Roberts.....		
Miss Martha Powell.....	133	
“ S. Ada Hall.....		106

BENEDICT INSTITUTE,  
*Columbia, S. C.*

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Lewis Colby .....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. E. G. Wooster.....		
Miss Lizzie B. Gibbs.....	70	
“ Esther A. Allen .....		48

AUGUSTA INSTITUTE,  
*Augusta, Ga.*

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Joseph T. Robert, LL.D .....		
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof. Sterling Gardner *.....		
Mr. William E. Holmes.....		
“ Collins H. Lyons.....	92	

\* Died in 1877.

## LELAND UNIVERSITY,

*New Orleans, La.*

STUDENTS.

Male. Female.

<i>President</i> —Rev. Marsena Stone, D.D.....			
<i>Assistants</i> —Prof J. F. Stone † .....			
Mr. E. Leslie Warren.....			
Mrs. E. L. Stone .....			
Miss T. Anna Thompson.....	103	43	

## NATCHEZ SEMINARY,

*Natchez, Miss.*

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. Charles Ayer.....			
<i>Assistant</i> —Prof. Inman E. Page .....	20	40	

## NASHVILLE INSTITUTE,

*Nashville, Tenn.*

<i>Principal</i> —Rev. D. W. Phillips, D.D.....			
<i>Assistants</i> —Rev. Lyman B. Tefft .....			
Miss Emma A. Phillips.....			
“ Charlotte Mears.....			
“ Mary Ann Frazer.....			
“ Carrie V. Dyer .....	128	75	
Total .....	729	327	
Males .....	729		
Females.....	327		
Total.....	1,056		

† Died in 1878.

# MISSIONARY TABLE

For 1877-1878.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES, TEACHERS, ETC.	FIELDS OF LABOR.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.	Number Baptized.	Churches Organized.	Teachers and Scholars in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.
<b>MAINE.</b>									
Eusebe Leger.....	French.....	52	197	52	5160	.....	.....	.....	56
<b>VERMONT.</b>									
A. L. Therrien.....	French in Burlington.....	52	104	51	560	.....	.....	.....	37
<b>MASSACHUSETTS.</b>									
A. P. Mason, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for New England.....	52	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. N. Williams.....	French in New England.....	52	165	62	1054	92 73	17	.....	.....
Lauritz Johanson.....	Swedes in Boston.....	26	78	35	143	.....	13	.....	.....
F. X. Smith.....	French in Fall River.....	52	143	92	915	19 20	17	.....	.....
<b>CONNECTICUT.</b>									
J. H. Moehlmann.....	Germans in Meriden.....	52	136	91	357	70 42	6	..	84
E. J. Deckman.....	Germans in New Haven.....	52	158	71	513	207 32	13	..	232
<b>NEW YORK.</b>									
C. P. Sheldon, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for New York and Northern New Jersey.....	52	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. Otto.....	Germans in Tonawanda.....	26	61	28	166	.....	.....	.....	55
Robert Langer.....	Germans in Holland.....	7	21	9	32	7 00	.....	.....	53
Reinhard Hoeftlin.....	Germans in Syracuse.....	52	177	114	176	43 15	4	1	184
H. Trumpp.....	Germans in Albany.....	52	188	80	599	138 00	6	..	160
John Senn.....	Germans in Holland.....	+	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>NEW JERSEY.</b>									
John C. Kraft.....	Germans in Newark.....	52	156	69	1180	70 00	4	..	142
<b>PENNSYLVANIA.</b>									
Thomas Swain, D.D.....	{ Dist. Sec. for Southern N. J., Penn., Del., Md., W. Va., and Dist. of Columbia.....	52	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Henry Desch.....	Germans in Millerton.....	13	39	19	90	.....	.....	.....	37
Malnor C. Blaine.....	Washington.....	26	67	.....	.....	82 59	.....	.....	40
Zachariah Martin.....	Germans in Erie.....	39	123	71	277	71 10	9	.....	172
Henry Griep.....	Germans in Scranton.....	26	88	65	296	32 50	2	3	150
J. S. Miller.....	Germans in Williamsport.....	13	61	18	57	.....	.....	.....	68
<b>DELAWARE.</b>									
James M. Hope.....	Wyoming and Magnolia.....	52	157	75	113	69 00	2	..	101
Levi Thorne.....	Milford.....	39	94	45	125	15 00	.....	.....	89
<b>DIST. OF COLUMBIA.</b>									
*G. M. P. King.....	Wayland Seminary.....	52	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*James Storum.....	Wayland Seminary.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Julia M. Bartlett.....	Wayland Seminary.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

\* Teachers.

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<b>VIRGINIA.</b>								
John M. Dawson.....	Williamsburg.....	52	170	52	252	50 00	76 ..	136
John M. Dawson.....	Williamsburg .....	13	43	13	61	12 50	28 ..	131
D. F. Leach.....	{ Mecklenburg, Lunenburg, & } Charlotte Counties.....	52	119	60	266	17 68	134 ..	336
*Charles H. Corey.....	Richmond Institute.....	52	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Charles J. Daniel.....	Richmond Institute.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Joseph E. Jones.....	Richmond Institute.....	52	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*D. N. Vassar.....	Richmond Institute.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>WEST VIRGINIA.</b>								
Thomas F. Clancy.....	Wheeling .....	52	278	145	771	7 00	8 ..	243
T. C. Johnson.....	Charleston .....	9	18	9	67	7 76	.....	68
<b>KENTUCKY.</b>								
H. Gellert.....	Germans in Newport.....	52	156	111	610	200 35	30 ..	115
Allen Allensworth.....	Louisville .....	26	96	47	636	9 05	5 ..	264
<b>TENNESSEE.</b>								
W. P. T. Jones.....	Nashville .....	13	50	30	110	2 00	1 ..	139
John M. Walters .....	Mechanicsville .....	26	89	23	471	5 00	4 ..	136
N. H. Ensley.....	Tennessee and Kentucky .....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*D. W. Phillips, D.D.....	Nashville Institute.....	52	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Lyman B. Teft.....	Nashville Institute.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Emma A. Phillips.....	Nashville Institute.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Charlotte Mears.....	Nashville Institute.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Mary Ann Frazer.....	Nashville Institute.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Carrie V. Dyer.....	Nashville Institute.....	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>NORTH CAROLINA.</b>								
*Henry M. Tupper.....	Shaw University .....	52	33	.....	.....	.....	7 ..	1 ..
*N. F. Roberts.....	Shaw University .....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*S. B. Lear.....	Shaw University .....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*D. L. Farrar.....	Shaw University .....	34	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Fred. L. Spofford.....	Shaw University .....	25	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Martha J. Powell.....	Shaw University .....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss S. Ada Hall.....	Shaw University .....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA.</b>								
Isaac P. Brockinton.....	Darlington .....	39	152	76	160	35 00	107 ..	198
*Lewis Colby.....	Benedict Institute .....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*E. G. Wooster.....	Benedict Institute .....	52	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Mary R. Wooster.....	Benedict Institute .....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Lizzie B. Gibbs.....	Benedict Institute .....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Miss Esther A. Allen.....	Benedict Institute .....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>GEORGIA.</b>								
J. H. Corley.....	Colored People .....	52	193	22	.....	.....	67 ..	.....
George A. Blount.....	Sea Board Counties .....	13	42	17	13	.....	2 ..	.....
W. D. Atkinson.....	Jessup .....	26	142	3	233	.....	21 ..	78
G. B. Mitchell.....	Colored People .....	9	21	22	27	.....	.....	60
Emanuel K. Love.....	Colored People .....	26	159	12	63	.....	.....	1241
*Joseph T. Robert, LL.D.....	Augusta Institute .....	52	33	101	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Sterling Gardner.....	Augusta Institute .....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Collins H. Lyons.....	Augusta Institute .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Wm. E. Holmes.....	Augusta Institute .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>FLORIDA.</b>								
John Alston.....	Fernandina .....	5	200	122	21	96 00	31 ..	130

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			Sermons Preached.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.					
<b>ALABAMA.</b>										
Stuart Adams.....	Greenville.....	52	150	510	1380	71 00	116	1	239	
C. O. Booth.....	Talladega and Montgomery.....	39	105	67	290	63 00	15		126	
H. Woodsmall.....	Freedmen.....	52	76							
H. Woodsmall.....	Freedmen.....	8	5							
<b>MISSISSIPPI.</b>										
*Charles Ayer.....	Natchez Seminary.....	30	13							
*Inman E. Page.....	Natchez Seminary.....	26								
<b>LOUISIANA.</b>										
Miss Carrie Vaughn.....	{ Freedwomen in New Orleans and vicinity.....	4								
*Marsena Stone, D.D.....	Leland University.....	+								
J. F. Stone .....	Leland University.....	+								
*Mrs E. L. Stone.....	Leland University.....	+								
*Miss T. Anna Thompson.....	Leland University.....	+								
*E. Leslie Warren.....	Leland University.....	+								
<b>ARKANSAS.</b>										
J. B. McKay.....	Sevier and Howard Counties....	52	184	134	1445		27		270	
<b>MICHIGAN.</b>										
Ludwig Hein.....	Germans in Nashville.....	52	120	63	70				20	
H. Fellman.....	Germans in Detroit.....	52	137	125	340	21 00	15		108	
L. Glaesser.....	Germans in White River.....	52	151	98	480	99 00	4			
O. F. Zeckser.....	Germans in Battle Creek.....	39	138	129	392	31 52			72	
<b>OHIO.</b>										
S. B. Page, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan.....	52	47							
<b>INDIANA.</b>										
C. Tecklenburg.....	Germans in Evansville.....	52	172	80	425	75 00			70	
A. C. Davidson.....	Bloomington.....	52	108	195	420	22 75	2		129	
Ernest Tschirch.....	Germans in Indianapolis.....	39	98	125	366	105 60	10		100	
William Hildreth.....	New Albany.....	39	156	62	520	23 00	102		220	
<b>ILLINOIS.</b>										
William M. Haigh, D.D.....	{ District Secretary for Illi- nois, Wisconsin, Minne- sota, and Iowa.....	13	22					9		
Henry Wernicke.....	Germans in Somonauk.....	52	138	82	439	127 16	9		47	
George D. Menger.....	Germans in Bloomington.....	39	120	67	349	20 00			96	
<b>WISCONSIN.</b>										
O. F. Zeckser.....	Germans in North Freedom.....	13	38	20	166		2		44	
A. Transchell.....	Germans in Kekoskee.....	9	22	8	40				85	
Louis Wepf.....	Germans in Milwaukee.....	39	117	44	167	138 58			189	
<b>MINNESOTA.</b>										
John E. Wood.....	General Missionary.....	5	11	3	50					
John E. Wood.....	Detroit and Pelican Valley.....	26	71	20	310	8 00				
A. A. Linne.....	) Scandinavians in Otter Tail, ) and other Counties.....	26	94	24	94	15 15	7		58	
A. A. Linne .....	Scandinavians in Fergus Falls.....	26	109	42	99	8 35			56	
E. C. Saunders .....	Le Sueur.....	52	125	54	269	29 41	2		112	
E. C. Saunders .....	Le Sueur.....	13	33	13	67	8 66			108	
Joseph Rockwood.....	Young America and New Auburn.....	35	88	55	210	12 00	2			
Joseph Rockwood.....	New Auburn and Norwood.....	26	65	35	165	8 00			170	

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F. W. Allnutt		Spring Valley and Hamilton	33	102	47	125	35 50	14	180	
F. W. Allnutt		Spring Valley	26	77	22	90	12 50		137	
H. J. Miller		Germans in Hastings	52	136	63	371	265 45	3	113	
J. F. Hoefflin		Germans in St. Paul	52	161	73	263	198 55	1	65	
G. N. Annes		Waseca	52	161	72	400	52 83	2	112	
A. B. Orgren		Swedes in Minneapolis	52	179	96	442	87 27	38	185	
M. A. Blowers		Monticello	26	56	30	75	7 75	1	75	
R. A. Shadick		Clinton Falls and other places	52	224	93	445	70 07	19	214	
R. A. Clapp.		St. James	52	114	66	440	30 50		96	
John Wendt		Mennonites in Mountain Lake	6	35	16	33		24		
John Squire		Cokato	33	77	46	134		1	110	
N. F. Hoyt		Albert Lea	48	103	85	205	35 54	2	54	
M. D. Reeves	*	Parker's Prairie	52	171	148	465		24	173	
John Enzler		Germans in Sharon	33	72	29	155	50 00	24	50	
E. A. Cooley		Farmington and Castle Rock	39	109	106	425	54 00	6	55	
John Holstrom		{ Swedes in Wilmar, Lake Lil- lian, etc	48	150	46	281	5 50			
W. E. Stanley		Red Wing	52	108	138	499	12 00	10	139	
William M. Wells		Alexandria	26	91	27	246	7 82	2	63	
J. O. Modahl		{ Norwegians in Rolling Fork and vicinity	26	113	44	200		1		
Martin Dahlquist		{ Swedes in South-Western Minnesota	13	146	35	340	33 65		12	
Olaus Okerson		Swedes in Houston, Hastings, etc	13	96	10	91	22 00	1	14	
A. L. Cole		St. Cloud	13	72	92	48	1 00	11	66	
A. W. Hilton		Lu Verne	13	21		33		1	87	
<b>IOWA.</b>										
Theodore Hessell		{ Scandinavians in Iowa and Dakota Territory	52	227	105	189	36 20	13	1	136
P. H. Dam		Scandinavians in Western Iowa	52	194	83	533		25		98
J. Croeni		Germans in Rock Falls	26	80	32	156	140 48	3		57
T. F. Thickstun		Council Bluffs	52	114	116	535	126 87	10	1	161
J. L. Coppoc		Clear Lake	39	115	77	341	8 00	5		99
Charles Payne		Knoxville	39	92	93	358	74 60			72
<b>MISSOURI.</b>										
J. G. Lemen		Lebanon	13	45	13	33			44	
J. G. Lemen		Lebanon	52	161	31	233	20 00	22	1	76
V. T. Settle		Annapolis and Ironton	52	174	53	216	54 00	17	1	271
Charles Ohlgart		Germans in St. Louis	39	163	79	235	164 00	12		249
William P. Brooks		Colored People	26	97	47	273	379 45	8		110
J. W. Swift		Butler	†							
<b>INDIAN TERRITORY.</b>										
George W. Ingalls		General Missionary for Indians	48							
Daniel Rogers		Indian Territory	50	131	57	152	18 45	1		
William McComb		Creek and Seminole Indians	52	159	60	70		40		
Munday Durant		Creek Indians	48	145	115	80		9		
A. L. Lacie		Cherokee Indians	52	166	96	576	35 02	14		
George Swimmer		Cherokee Indians	52	160	59	133		12	1	
A. J. Holt		Seminole Indians	26	45		25		17		
Daniel Perryman		Creek Indians	52	208	140	21		6		
Frank Howard		Eastern part of Choctaw Nation	13	24	9	71		1		
J. A. Trenchard		Choctaw Indians	52	324	234	1514		52	1	361
John Kernal		Creek Indians	52	161	149	302	16 80	6		
U-yu-Sada		Seminole Indians	52	165	53	206		19	2	

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									Teachers and Scholars in Sunday Schools and Bible Classes.	
<b>KANSAS.</b>										
Elihu Gunn.....	{ District Secretary for Kan- sas and Missouri.....	13	29					12		...
Elihu Gunn.....	Fort Scott.....	39	168	113	572	45 00	30	1	235	
N. B. Raiden.....	Clyde.....	52	229	132	419	22 00	13		180	
N. B. Raiden.....	Clyde.....	13	50	23	62			2	1	182
Willis S. Webb.....	Fontana.....	13	11	3	30					146
George Mitchell.....	Hiawatha.....	26	80	60	109	9 50	9		208	
J. Barratt.....	North Topeka.....	52	295	112	350	188 50	59	1	264	
J. Clark Cline.....	Clay Centre.....	13	30	14	75					1:8
J. F. Raiden.....	Republic and Blue Association.....	52	215	110	779	124 11	7	2	128	
C. T. Floyd.....	Independence.....	8	17	11	28					...
J. C. Post.....	{ Line of the Atchison, Tope- ka, and Santa Fe R.R.....	52	156	103	266	46 20	16	2	238	
W. A. Briggs.....	Blue Rapids.....	52	147		47					109
Joel Reddick.....	Clay Centre.....	39	102	47	327	20 00		2	72	
F. S. Witter.....	Olathe.....	9	16		150					84
Isaac F. Davis.....	Wichita.....	26	67	38	300	10 00	6	1	112	
Francis Rice.....	Valley Falls.....	13	27	26	37					57
C. G. Manley.....	Augusta.....	13	46	50	98	53 75	7		130	
Henry H. White.....	Topeka.....	26	54	28	75					84
J. V. Allison.....	Barton and Pawnee Counties.....	+								...
S. E. Faxon, Jr.....	Neosho Valley.....	+								...
<b>NEBRASKA.</b>										
J. N. Webb, D.D.....	{ Dist. Secretary for Nebraska and Dakota Territory.....	52	121					7		...
J. E. Kellogg.....	Madison and other counties.....	49	125	16	236	6 88	4	1		
A. D. Trumbull.....	Grand Island and Salem.....	13	41	30	109			3		
J. H. Storms.....	Tremont.....	13	28	12	100			1		112
Mark Noble.....	Fairbury.....	52	185	124	953	8 00	7	1	55	
B. F. Lawler.....	Salem and Prairie Union.....	52	207	79	137	50 25	25		112	
A. J. Wright.....	Platte and Boon Counties.....	52	164	77	213	89 75	16	2	262	
A. Z. T. Heath.....	{ Farmer's Valley, Mt. Zion and Lincoln Creek.....	52	192	88	253	23 23	36		125	
G. T. Webster.....	Falls City.....	26	68	28	150	4 00				34
J. R. Shanafelt.....	Kearney and Gibbon.....	13	55	20	70					162
J. R. Shanafelt.....	Grand Island.....	39	85	37	320	26 35	1	1	270	
James D. P. Hungate.....	Tekamah.....	13	43	15	79	10 00				
John Gunderman.....	Central City.....	52	164	70	300	19 00	10		170	
G. W. Read.....	Peru and Highland.....	52	204	81	304	30 00	16		197	
Willard S. Higgins.....	Edgar and vicinity.....	39	130	53	467					145
E. D. Thomas.....	{ Vesta, Independence, Firth, and Bethel.....	39	140	53	110			12		...
E. D. Thomas.....	Vesta, Fairview, Johnson, and Zion Hill.....	13	42	21	35					...
N. P. Hotchkiss.....	Pawnee City.....	52	137	51	189	44 00	8		97	
L. B. Wharton.....	Beatrice.....	52	110	54	195	11 00	1		62	
J. A. Hudson.....	Plattsmouth & Eight Mile Grove.....	26	84	15	44			1		106
William Haw.....	Seward.....	39	82	37	110	4 50				171
O. A. Buzzell.....	Huntsville, Overton, and Plum Creek.....	52	138	99	282			3		123
H. A. Guild.....	Clay and Adams Counties.....	13	34	14	69			3		265
Moses Rowley.....	Aurora.....	13	26	4	30	25 00				...
C. Ludgren.....	Scandinavians.....	12	56	27	70			3		...
F. H. Rau.....	Rulo.....	39	125	62	146	3 00	2			96
James W. McIntosh.....	Republican Valley.....	39	134	48	100			12	1	104
C. B. Carey.....	Weeping Water.....	39	124	90	210	10 00	8			...
Thomas Muxlow.....	Napoleon and Republican City.....	26	46	58	62	18 75	11			35
J. W. Osborn.....	Fremont.....	26	65	51	165	25 00				110

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			Sermons Preached.	Prayer and other Meet- ings attended.	Families or Persons Religiously Visited.	Contributions to Be- nevolent Objects.			
John Young .....	Blair .....	13	29	13	100	1 00	.....	.....	106
Thornton K. Tyson .....	Marietta and Rock Creek .....	26	78	45	228	6 55	16	.....	53
Frank M. Mitchell .....	Aurora and West Blue .....	22	71	30	63	13 50	.....	.....	95
<b>DAKOTA TERRITORY.</b>									
James Buchanan .....	Yankton .....	13	46	44	285	.....	8	.....	142
V. B. Conklin .....	Canton .....	13	24	9	25	.....	.....	.....	56
A. W. Hilton .....	Sioley Falls .....	13	25	6	33	3 00	.....	.....	70
A. W. Hilton .....	Sioux Falls, Swan Lake and Finlay .....	26	52	5	93	32 00	.....	.....	117
William T. Hill .....	Dell Rapids .....	39	97	21	123	7 00	.....	.....	216
John Wendt .....	Germans in Southern Dakota .....	26	85	37	117	79 43	2	.....	.....
Nic Tychsen .....	Danes in Danesville and vicinity .....	13	37	19	53	.....	.....	.....	30
<b>COLORADO.</b>									
James French .....	{ District Secretary for the Trans-Mississippi District. }	52	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Charles M. Jones .....	Golden .....	52	89	60	179	7 00	.....	.....	106
W. T. Fisher .....	La Veta .....	13	33	21	83	.....	6	.....	102
A. L. Vail .....	Colorado Springs .....	39	82	60	310	37 00	.....	.....	88
A. B. Whitney .....	San Luis and San Juan Districts .....	30	80	23	353	.....	2	.....	40
B. Howard Yerkes .....	Greeley .....	52	131	152	296	26 50	13	.....	92
Harvey Linsley .....	Southern Colorado .....	52	85	38	139	.....	7	.....	130
Ross Ward .....	Boulder .....	18	38	19	55	5 00	.....	.....	.....
W. A. Caplinger .....	Pueblo .....	26	77	40	150	.....	.....	.....	65
Frank M. Ellis, D.D .....	Denver .....	+	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>WYOMING TER.</b>									
D. J. Pierce .....	Laramie and Cheyenne .....	26	99	50	545	20 00	1	201	.....
<b>NEVADA.</b>									
G. W. Ford .....	Virginia City .....	13	36	30	228	10 00	.....	.....	54
T. J. Arnold .....	Reno .....	47	120	90	425	66 00	.....	.....	85
<b>WASHINGTON TER.</b>									
S. E. Stearns .....	{ Eastern Oregon, Eastern Washington Territory, and Western Idaho Territory. }	39	81	14	213	25 00	.....	.....	50
James A. Wirth .....	Seattle .....	26	54	48	138	30 00	2	.....	130
<b>OREGON.</b>									
J. T. Huff .....	Oregon City .....	52	148	89	281	27 10	3	.....	113
C. W. Rees .....	Eugene City .....	52	110	65	730	78 00	1	.....	210
Dong Gong .....	{ Chinese in Oregon and Washington Territory. }	+	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>CALIFORNIA.</b>									
G. W. Allen .....	San Bernardino .....	26	55	26	205	7 85	.....	.....	108
S. A. Taft .....	Santa Rosa .....	26	58	26	122	171 00	10	.....	107
F. N. Barlow .....	Santa Clara .....	26	62	44	191	30 00	1	.....	82
Joseph Beaven .....	Salinas City .....	26	69	34	156	.....	1	.....	47
T. G. McLean .....	Carpenteria and vicinity .....	+	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

† Not reported.

## SUMMARY

OF STATES, RECEIPTS, MISSIONARIES, LABORS, AND RESULTS.

### STATES, ETC.

	Contributions, Donations, and Legacies.	No. of Missionaries.	Weeks of Labor.	Sermons Preached.	Prayer & other Meetings Attended.	No. of Persons or Families Religious-ly Visited.	Contributions to Benevolent Objects from Churches receiving aid.	No. of Persons Baptized.	Churches Organized.	No. of Persons in Sunday-Schools and Bible Classes.
Maine .....	\$920 33	1	52	107	52	5,160	.....	.....	.....	56
New Hampshire .....	1,505 10	1	52	104	51	560	.....	.....	.....	37
Vermont .....	1,992 75	1	52	104	51	560	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts .....	23,661 61	4	182	431	180	2,112	\$111 95	47	.....	.....
Rhode Island .....	5,346 36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut .....	7,369 61	2	104	294	162	870	277 74	19	.....	336
New York .....	32,786 68	6	189	504	231	973	188 15	10 1	452	.....
New Jersey .....	4,350 24	1	52	156	69	1,180	70 00	4	.....	142
Pennsylvania .....	10,584 87	6	169	469	173	720	186 19	11 3	467	.....
Delaware .....	128 75	2	91	251	120	238	84 00	2	.....	190
District of Columbia .....	1,917 23	8	143	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland .....	131 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia .....	3,246 19	6	281	404	125	579	80 18	238	.....	603
West Virginia .....	48 71	2	61	296	154	888	14 76	8	.....	311
Kentucky .....	61 85	2	78	252	158	1,246	209 40	35	.....	379
Tennessee .....	5,649 34	9	292	165	53	581	7 00	5	.....	275
North Carolina .....	2,490 00	7	221	33	79	.....	.....	7 1	.....	.....
South Carolina .....	170 15	6	203	157	76	160	35 00	107	.....	198
Georgia .....	264 46	9	204	590	117	344	.....	90 1	1,379	.....
Florida .....	.....	1	52	200	122	21	96 00	31	.....	130
Alabama .....	4 75	3	151	336	577	1,670	184 00	181 1	.....	365
Mississippi .....	415 79	2	56	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana .....	.....	6	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas .....	.....	1	52	184	134	1,445	.....	27	.....	270
Michigan .....	1,307 25	4	195	546	415	1,282	151 52	19	.....	200
Ohio .....	11,289 17	1	52	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Indiana .....	529 95	4	182	534	462	1,731	226 35	114	.....	519
Illinois .....	2,791 38	3	104	280	149	788	147 16	18	.....	143
Wisconsin .....	198 00	3	61	177	72	373	138 50	2	.....	318
Minnesota .....	74 20	26	1,025	3,179	1,640	6,959	1,071 43	196 2	2,435	.....
Iowa .....	134 71	6	260	822	506	2,132	386 15	56 2	.....	623
Missouri .....	393 00	5	182	640	223	992	617 45	59 2	.....	750
Indian Territory .....	39 45	12	549	1,688	972	3,150	70 27	177 2	.....	707
Kansas .....	110 55	18	511	1,739	874	3,724	516 06	161 10	2,347	.....
Nebraska .....	1,053 34	31	1,110	3,333	1,502	5,899	429 86	206 6	3,067	.....
Dakota Territory .....	42 04	6	143	366	141	729	121 43	10	.....	631
Wyoming Territory .....	24 61	1	26	99	50	545	20 00	.....	1	201
Colorado .....	1,242 08	10	334	732	413	1,565	75 50	28 2	.....	623
Nevada .....	35 00	2	60	156	120	653	76 00	.....	.....	139
Washington Territory .....	10 00	2	65	135	62	351	55 00	2	.....	180
Oregon .....	62 95	3	104	258	154	1,011	105 10	4	.....	323
California .....	80 25	5	104	244	130	684	208 85	10 2	.....	344
Wales .....	45 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eastern German Conference .....	1,575 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western German Conference .....	550 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	\$124,933 95	222	7,756	30,047	10,527	51,265	\$5,911 00	1,834 36	19,140	.....

## LIST OF LEGACIES

Paid to the Society from April 1, 1877, to March 31, 1878, inclusive.

## APRIL, 1877.

Theodore Cushing, Brockport, N. Y., per Wm. King, Executor .....	\$94 21	
		\$94 21

## MAY.

Interest on Bequest of Polly Mitchell, Manchester, N. Y.....	\$30 00	
Ann James, Albany, N. Y., per G. L. Stedman, Execu- tor .....	700 00	
		730 00

## JUNE.

Interest on Legacy of John Edwards, Southbridge, Mass., per Trustees of First Baptist Church.....	\$35 00	
Louisa D. Mansfield, Providence, R. I., per J. H. Read and J. L. Lincoln, Executors.....	400 00	
Interest on Bequest of Rev. Henry Jackson, per S. R. Weeden, Treasurer of State Convention.....	30 00	
Betsey P. Arnold, Farmington, N. Y., per Ezra Peirce, Executor; \$150 for Freedmen's Fund.....	450 00	
Abram Sheldon, Adams Centre, N. Y., per Henry Yates	957 25	
Maria E. Guth, Philadelphia, Pa., per J. A. Schulte, Executor for Eastern German Conference.....	150 00	
John Wallace, Piqua, Ohio.....	250 00	
James Lockert, Richfield, Ohio, per D. L. Oviatt, for Freedmen's Fund.....	50 00	
		2,322 25

## JULY.

Annuity of Peter Fisk, Woburn, Mass., per Trustees of First Baptist Church.....	\$222 04	
		222 04

## AUGUST.

Mrs. Mary M. Wyatt, Bristol, R. I., per B. P. Champ- liss, Executor.....	\$1,733 00	
		1,733 00

## SEPTEMBER.

Estate of Polly Browning, Uncasville, Ct.....	\$5 00	
		5 00

## OCTOBER.

Mary R. Cook, Watertown, Mass., per Samuel Jennings, Executor.....	\$500 00
Jeremiah S. Wheaton, Pomfret, Ct., balance, per L. Fitts, Executor.....	9 00
Interest on Legacy of Joanna Barrett, Putnam, Ct., per J. W. Manning, Executor.....	30 05
Interest on Bequest of Eva E. Clute, Schenectady, N. Y., per John Vedder.....	17 50
Estate of Dea A. Holly, Cleveland, Ohio, for Church Edifice Fund.....	100 00
Joseph Ide, Beaver Dam, Wis., per Judson C. Ide....	142 50
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	\$799 05

## NOVEMBER.

Mrs. E. W. Rathbone, Albany, N. Y., per S. H. Ramsom, Executor.....	\$2,500 00
Mrs. Emily S. Colby, West Andover, Ohio, for Freedmen's Fund.....	700 00
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	3,200 00

## DECEMBER.

Interest on Legacy of John Edwards, Southbridge, Mass., per Trustees of First Baptist Church.....	\$35 00
Interest on Bequest of Rev. Henry Jackson, D.D., Providence, R. I., per Trustees of State Convention	30 00
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	65 00

## JANUARY, 1878.

Betsey Tucker, Sutton, N. H., per C. S. Eaton, Executor; \$100 for Freedmen's Fund.....	\$200 00
Hannah E. Park, Londonderry, Vt.....	332 00
Margarette Wallace, Charlestown, Mass., per G. W. Little, Executor.....	3,041 50
Interest on Estate of John Woods, Westford, Mass., per Rev. A. P. Mason, D.D., Trustee.....	83 73
Annuity of Susannah Stone, Fitchburg, Mass., per L. H. Bradford, Trustee.....	72 00
Debby Ann Ammidown, Southbridge, Mass., per J. P. Stedman, Executor, for Freedmen's Fund.....	125 00
Mrs. Lucy Beckwith, Middletown, Conn., per Theron Eng, Executor.....	233 30
Annuity of Polly Browning, Uncasville, Conn., per Geo. D. Jerome, Trustee.....	5 00
Mrs. Betsey Hoit, Buffalo, N. Y., per Wm. F. Evans, Executor.....	64 38
Estate of A. C. Scott, East Smithfield, Pa.....	10 00
Denver, Col., Avails of sale of land bequeathed by Rev. Walter McD. Potter.....	1,129 56
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	5,296 47

## FEBRUARY.

Annuity of Benj. Porter, Danvers, Mass.....	\$66 48
Betsey Pratt, Chelmsford, Mass., per B. J. Spalding, Executor.....	25 00
Mrs. Betsey Hoit, Buffalo, N. Y.....	1,180 60
Estate of Miss Marion Harwood, Middleville, Mich.....	210 00
John Wallace, Piqua, Ohio, in part.....	500 00
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	1,982 08

## MARCH.

Mrs. Abigail Low, Francestown, N. H., Hiram Patch, Executor .....	\$400 00
Dea William Wallis, Salem, Mass., per A. W. Bowditch, Executor .....	500 00
Mrs. Mary D. Rogers, Chelsea, Mass., per Charles Rogers, Executor.....	300 00
Moses Briggs, Athol, Mass., per Eunice Briggs, Ex- ecutrix .....	100 00
Estate of Betsey Hoit, Buffalo, N. Y.....	506 80
Estate of Luther Parshall, Detroit, Mich.....	28 00
	————— \$1,834 80

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*Constituted such During the Year.*

### **Life Directors.**

Barrett, O. W., Chicago, Ill.  
 Chisholm, Stewart H., Cleveland, Ohio, by self.  
 Connor, Edward, Fitchburg, Mass., by the Wachusetts Association.  
 Cooper, Rev. George, Philadelphia, Pa., by 1st Church, West Philadelphia.  
 Critchton, Rev. J. O., Philadelphia, Pa., by 1st Germantown Church.  
 Dowling, Rev. George T., Cleveland, Ohio, by Mr. S. Andrews.  
 Eddy, R. M., Chicago, Ill.  
 Ferris, Rev. Jabez, Nicetown, N. J.  
 Flanders, John M., Nashua, N. H., by 1st Church.  
 Haigh, Rev. William M., D.D., Chicago, Ill.  
 Harrison, W. H., Philadelphia, Pa., by the 1st Church, West Philadelphia.  
 Harris, Cornelius, Utica, Ill.  
 Harriman, Rev. G. G., Urbana, Ohio, by Mrs. Eliza Long.  
 Isaacs, William M., New York, by self.  
 Kaler, L. B., Phenixville, Pa., by the Church.  
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 Miller, Justus, Troy, N. Y., by self.  
 Mize, Rev. J. H., Troy, Ill.  
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 Rockefeller, Mrs. Frank, Cleveland, Ohio, by her husband.  
 Scattergood, A., Mansfield, Ohio, by self.  
 Sisson, Moses H., Norwich, Conn., by Central Ch.  
 Stickney, Hon. William, Washington, D. C., by Calvary Church.  
 Thornton, Miss I. C., Canton, Ill.  
 Wagenseller, John A., Philadelphia, Pa., by self.  
 Walker, Joseph H., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.

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 Allen, Mrs. Sarah E., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
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 Bainard, Mrs. Laura Ann, Neponset, Mass., by the Church.  
 Balch, T. E., Wakefield, Mass., by the Church.  
 Bancroft, Mrs. Urana, Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Barber, Edwin, Brimfield, Ohio, by self.  
 Bartlett, Marcus M., Washington, D. C., by the Calvary Church.  
 Barker, Irving M., Newport, R. I., by 1st Church.  
 Bates, Henry A., Providence, R. I., by S. School of Stewart st. Church.  
 Beals, Rev. Henry Clay, Plymouth, Mich., by Kalamazoo Association.  
 Bemes, Mrs. Ellen A., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Bennett, Mrs. Catharine, Springfield, Ohio, by the 1st Church.  
 Bigelow, Mrs. Louisa, Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Bigelow, Elijah W., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Bitting, Rev. J. E., Novi, Mich., by Horace B. Johns.  
 Bowen, Benjamin, Olyphant, Pa.  
 Boyden, Samuel, Spencer, Mass., by the Church.  
 Brooks, John, Dayton, Ohio, by Linden av. Ch.  
 Brown, Charles P., Trenton, N. J., by 1st Church.  
 Brown, Mrs. Almira P., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Brown, Charles J., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Brown, Evan B., Moorestown, N. J., by the Ch.  
 Burbank, Mrs. Caroline A., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Burbank, Miss Alice, Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.  
 Burton, Mrs. N. S., Akron, Ohio, by the Church.  
 Campbell, Miss Christina, Millerton, N. Y., by self.  
 Campbell, Miss Ella, Millerton, N. Y., by self.  
 Carr, Mrs. Mattie, Davis Junction, Ill.  
 Carrington, Mrs. C. P., Tecumseh, Neb.

Case, Mrs. Alcinda, Granville, Ohio, by the Ch.  
 Cather, Mrs. F. J., Seville, Ohio, by the Church.  
 Chaffee, Mrs. C. T., South Bend, Ind., by the Ch.  
 Chandler, Nathan H., Worcester, Mass., by Main  
     st. Church.  
 Chisholm, S. H., Cleveland, Ohio, by her mother.  
 Clatworthy, Rev. F., Dayton, Ohio, by Linden  
     av. Church.  
 Cole, Mrs. J. S., Upper Alton, Ill., by the Church.  
 Cole, Joshua, Spencer, Mass., by the Church.  
 Coolidge, Augustus, Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main st. Church.  
 Colman, John H., Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Her-  
     kimer st. Church.  
 Comey, John, Foxboro, Mass., by the Church.  
 Cowperthwait, A. C., Nebraska City, Neb.  
 Crocker, Henry D., Worcester, Mass., by the Main  
     st. Church.  
 Cummings, Mark F., Troy, N. Y., by Dr. Sheldon.  
 Cunningham, Mrs. Abigail D., Spencer, Mass., by  
     the Church.  
 Curren, J. F., Dayton, Ohio, by self.  
 Curtis, Edmund B., Washington, D. C., by Cal-  
     vary Church.

Da Lee, A. G., Lawrence, Kansas, by the Church.  
 Davis, Mrs. J. W., Mansfield, O., by the Church.  
 Davis, Mrs. Betsey M., Fredonia, N. Y., by self.  
 Davis, Mrs. Charles, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 Darling, Albert W., Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main st. Church.  
 Davenport, Samuel D., Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main st. Church.  
 Day, Charles J., New York, by self.  
 Dexter, William H., Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main st. Church.  
 Dewolf, Rev. Delavan, Bristol, Conn., by the Ch.  
 Delong, Charles H., Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main st. Church.  
 Dunbar, Robert, Dewart, Pa.  
 Dunbar, A. S., South Bend, Ind., by the Church.  
 Dunlap, Miss Emma, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by  
     Central Church.  
 Dugan, Camilla, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by the  
     Central Church.  
 Dyzer, Abbey A., Chester, Pa., by the Church.  
 Eddy, William J., Worcester, Mass., by the Main  
     street Church.  
 Engerton, Frank P., Meriden, Conn., by 1st Ch.  
 Ellis, William C., Worcester, Mass., by the Main  
     street Church.  
 Emerson, Rev. F. F., Hartford, Conn., by Asylum  
     avenue Church.

Evans, Mrs. Ruth A., Westchester, Pa.  
 Eyeears, Miss Jessie, Cleveland, Ohio, by her father.  
 Eyeears, Miss Josie, Cleveland, Ohio, by her father.  
 Eyeears, Frederic, Cleveland, Ohio, by his father.  
 Farley, John A., Worcester, Mass., by the Main  
     street Church.  
 Fleenor, Rev. W. T., Atchison, Kansas, by Mis-  
     souri River Association.  
 Forbes, Robert, Brandon, Vt., by self.  
 Ford, W., West Scituate, Mass., by the Hanover  
     Church.  
 Fosdick, George F., Woburn, Mass., by the Ch.  
 Freeman, Miss Hattie A., Richfield, Ohio, by her  
     father.  
 French, Jonathan C., Worcester, Mass., by the  
     Main street Church.  
 Freeman, Rev. Samuel, Purchase Line, Pa.  
 Gage, Warner B., Worcester, Mass., by the Main  
     street Church.  
 Gardner, Thomas W., New London, Conn.  
 Gray, J. W., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street  
     Church.  
 Green, Rev. Samuel H., Cazenovia, N. Y., by the  
     Church.  
 Green, Rev. B. A., Westboro, Mass., by the Ch.  
 Green, Mrs. Ella, Westboro, Mass., by the Church.  
 Green, Mrs. Samuel, New London, Conn.  
 Gurney, Miss Myra B., So. Abington, Mass., by  
     Mrs. Solomon Whitmarsh.  
 Hall, L. Burton, Meriden, Conn., by the 1st Ch.  
 Halsey, Rev. Lewis, Farmer Village, N. Y., by the  
     Church.  
 Hambly, Charles Andrew, Tiverton, R. I., by the  
     Church.  
 Harriman, Mrs. G. G., Urbana, Ohio, by Mrs.  
     Eliza Long.  
 Harrison, Sarah, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central  
     Church.  
 Hatch, George L., So. Abington, Mass., by the Ch.  
 Hawley, Mrs. William H., Clifton, Neb.  
 Hazard, Daniel B., Newport, R. I., by 1st Church.  
 Heath, Mrs. Nancy J., Plainfield, Neb., by the Mt.  
     Zion Church.  
 Heyse, Miss Annie, Brooklyn, N. Y., by B. J. War-  
     ner.  
 Hendrickson, C. R., Freehold, N. J.  
 Higgins, Mrs. Catharine, Aspinwall, Neb.  
 Higgins, Rev. W. S., Edgar, Neb., by Rev. J. N.  
     Webb.  
 Hilton, Rev. A. W., Finley, Dakota Ter., by Rev.  
     J. N. Webb.  
 Hilton, Mrs. A. W., Finley, Dakota Ter., by Rev.  
     J. N. Webb.  
 Hotchkiss, Rev. N. F., Pawnee City, Neb.  
 Hotchkiss, Mrs. P. N., Pawnee City, Neb.

Houghton, Edwin F., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Hoff, Mary, Keyport, N. J., by the Church.

Hoff, Mariah, Keyport, N. J., by the Church.

Hewins, Isaac W., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Howell, Charles W., Trenton, N. J., by the 1st Ch.

Howland, Henry J., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Hodges, Miss Hester J., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Huffman, William, Dayton, Ohio, by his father.

Hunter, Rev. James P., Chester, Ohio, by the Ch.

Hyde, G. A., Cleveland, Ohio, by self.

Isaacs, Mrs. Marion E., New York, by her husband.

Ives, Leland, Meriden, Conn., by the 1st Church.

Johnson, Rev. Charles H., South Seaville, N. J.

Jones, Rev. Thomas, Washington, D. C., by the Calvary Church.

Jones, Thomas R., Washington, D. C., by the Calvary Church.

Keith, Samuel P., Middleboro, Mass., by the Central Church.

Kirtley, R. S., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Kline, George, Quincy, Ill., by Ch. in Clinton, Mo.

Knight, Miss Susie A., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Lawler, Rev. Benj. F., Salem, Neb.

Lawson, Miss Carrie, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by the Central Church.

Leach, Thompson, Parkersburg, W. Va., by self.

Leonard, Mrs. George E., Peru, Ind., by the Ch.

Lewis, William E., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.

Lee, Miss Grace E., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by the Central Church.

Liepsner, Rev. B. F., Red Bank, N. J., by the Ch.

Linsley, Mrs. Martha J., Nebraska City, Neb., by her husband.

Loomis, B. J., Columbus, Ohio, by 1st Church.

Love, Martha C., Groton, N. J.

Lovell, K. Allen, Huntingdon, Pa., by the Church.

Lowry, Rev. W. T., Coldwater, Mich., by the Ch.

Lyman, Edward C., Troy, N. Y., by Dr. Sheldon.

Lyon, Mrs. W. E., Londonville, Ohio.

Macy, Rev. Elisha, Granville, Ohio, by the Ch.

McDonald, Alexander, Providence, R. I., by S. School Stewart st. Church.

McIntire, Rev. J. F., Finley, Neb., by Rev. J. N. Webb.

McIntosh, Rev. J. W., Riverton, Neb., by his Churches.

Manton, Mrs. Matilda, Paxton, Mass., by the Spencer Church.

Marsh, Benjamin, Newport, R. I., by 2d Church.

Marsh, Helen M., M. D., North Tewksbury, Mass., by the Church.

Marston, Charles F., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.

Mason, Miss Addie S., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by B. J. Warner.

Miller, Rev. Wm. L., Girard, Neb., by the Blue River Association.

Mills, Rev. E., Norwalk, Ohio, by the Church.

Morris, Mrs. C. D., Toledo, Ohio, by the Church.

Moulton, Georgiana, Brooklyn, E. D., by Central Church.

Muir, Mrs. Lizzie Glover, New York, by Macdougal st. Church.

Newberry, H. E., Bridgeport, Pa., by the Church.

Nicholson, Rev. G. W., Nashua, N. H., by the 1st Church.

Northrop, S. A., Fentonville, Mich., by Flint River Association.

Olcott, J. B., Washington, D. C., by Calvary Ch.

Parks, R. S., Washington, D. C., by the Calvary Church.

Patton, Rev. W. W., Smithfield, Pa.

Peck, Rev. A. C., Lawrence, Kansas, by the Ch.

Peck, William T., Providence, R. I., by S. School of Stewart st. Church.

Perkins, Charles M., Meriden, Conn., by the 1st Church.

Perrick, Mrs. Wm., Mt. Vernon, Ohio, by the Association.

Pettigrew, J. W., Ludlow, Vt., by the Church.

Pettit, Mrs. Mary, Granville, Ohio, by the Church.

Phillips, Mrs. Caroline B., Nashville, Tenn., by the Institute School.

Piehmann, Miss Henrietta, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Platt, Mrs. E. F., Dayton, Ohio, by her father, E. E. Barney.

Porter, Alanson, No. Leverett, Mass., by Leverett and Montague Church.

Porter, William D., Meriden, Conn., by the 1st Ch.

Potter, William K., Providence, R. I., by S. School of Stewart st. Church.

Powell, Mrs. Julia S., Granville, Ohio, by the Ch.

Powers, Aaron R., Bolton, Mass., by the Church.

Pratt, Miss Melissa H., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Rand, Mrs. Ellen R., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Church.

Randall, J. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Randall, Rev. N. B., Providence, R. I., by the Wachusetts Association.

Raymond, Rev. Geo. T., North Tewksbury, by the Church.

Raymond, Mrs. Geo. T., North Tewksbury, by the Church.

Read, Rev. G. W., Peru, Neb.

Reed, Miss Marion M., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Richardson, Stephen A., Worcester, Mass., by the Main st. Churh.

Riddle, Mrs. J. W., Marietta, Ohio, by the Church.

Robinson, John C., Middleboro, Mass.

Rowe, Rev. Charles H., Wollaston Heights, Mass., by the Weymouth Church.

Rutt, Miss Nellie, Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by the Central Church.

Saddington, Miss Frances, Brooklyn, N. Y., by B. J. Warner.

Seely, Mrs. J. V. K., Clyde, Ohio, by the Church.

Sheldon, Mrs. C. A., Troy, N. Y., by her husband.

Sherman, A. F., Ludlow, Vt., by the Church.

Skillin, Mrs. Robert, Sheridan, Neb.

Smith, Rebecca, Keyport, N. J., by the Church.

Smith, Miss Hattie L., Brooklyn, E. D., N. Y., by Central Church.

Snowden, Miss Rebecca R., Trenton, N. J., by 1st Church.

Stenger, Rev. W. H., Phenixville, Pa.

Stevens, George L., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Strahan, Charles, Troy, N. Y., by Dr. Sheldon.

Thiele, Rev. H. W., Fairfield, Iowa, by the Ch. Thompson, Miss Nettie, Millerton, N. Y., by the Church.

Thresher, Mrs. E. M., Dayton, Ohio, by her husband.

Tilden, Mrs. Calista, Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Tilton, Rev. Charles, Jefferson, Pa.

Tiltington, Rev. J. M., Eaton Rapids, Mich., by the Church.

Wakeman, Miss Lillie C., Millerton, N. Y., by Ch. and S. S.

Walker, Mrs. Susan M., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Weaver, Louisa B., New London, Conn.

Woods, Rev. Byron A., New London, Conn.

Worcester, Rev. A. M., Cincinnati, Ohio, by 3d Ch.

Wheelock, Mrs. Mary A., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Whitehead, Miss Clara P., Trenton, N. Y., by 1st Church.

Williams, Mrs. Mary P., Nebraska City, Neb., by the Church.

Winslow, Isaac, Middleboro, Mass., by the Central Church.

Woolcott, William, Trenton, N. Y., by the Ch.

Wright, Mrs. A. J., Monroe, Neb.

Young, Mrs. Minerva T., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

Young, William C., Worcester, Mass., by the Main street Church.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER  
OF THE  
AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

AN ACT further to amend chapter one hundred and seventeen of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the American Baptist Home Mission Society."

Passed April 30th, 1877.

*The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the laws of eighteen hundred and forty-three, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the American Baptist Home Mission Society," is hereby further amended so as to read as follows:

§ 2. This Corporation shall be capable of taking, holding, or receiving any property, real or personal, by virtue of any devise or bequest contained in any last will and testament of any person whomsoever, the clear annual income of which devise or bequest shall not exceed ten thousand dollars; provided, that every such bequest or devise shall be subject to the provisions of the act three hundred and sixty, of the laws of eighteen hundred and sixty. It shall be lawful for this Corporation to establish and maintain schools in connection with its missionary work among the colored population of the United States, now generally known as freedmen, and also among the Indians of North America, and for that purpose to take and hold necessary real estate, and to receive, accumulate, and hold in trust endowment funds for the support of such schools, provided that the annual income of real estate and endowment funds held for the use and maintenance of such schools shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars. The net annual income of the said Society arising from their real estate, other than that held for school purposes, shall not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE, } ss.

I have compared the preceding with the original law on file in this office, and do hereby certify that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original law.

Given under my hand and the seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the city of Albany, this eleventh day of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-seven.

(Signed)

[L.S.]

JOHN BIGELOW,  
*Secretary of State*